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Health-care worker flu shots lagging

Influenza. Staff must either get vaccinated by Dec. 1 provincial deadline or wear a mask

Just over half of health-care providers in Metro Vancouver have gotten their flu shots this fall. The deadline for health-care workers to get immunized is Monday. JESSICA KOURKOUNIS/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Just over half of health-care providers in Metro Vancouver have received their flu shots this fall despite a looming deadline requiring them to get immunized or wear a mask during flu season.

Fifty-six per cent of Vancouver Coastal Health acute-care workers have reported their flu immunizations as of Monday, compared to 81 per cent who reported receiving their shots last year, with less than a week to go before a Dec. 1 provincial deadline takes effect.

"It's a little behind where we were last year," said Dr. Meena Dawar, medical health officer for Vancouver Coastal Health. "But I really expect a boost this week and next week, particularly as health-care workers realize that on Monday the policy comes into effect."

Within Fraser Health, 59 per cent of acute-care workers had reported their flu immunizations as of Tuesday, compared to 83 per cent of staff that reported getting their shots by January during last year's flu season.

However, Dr. Victoria Lee, interim chief medical health officer for Fraser Health, said she believes more workers have received their flu shots this fall but have not yet reported their immunization status.

"We expect large numbers of staff to report their flu shot this week and early into December," said Lee.

In 2012, the B.C. government launched a policy requiring health-care workers at publicly funded facilities, including long-term-care homes, to get a flu shot or wear a mask in an effort to protect patients.

Since the regulations came into effect, Dawar said flu immunization rates across health-care facilities have increased significantly.

Before the policy, she said Vancouver Coastal Health's flu immunization rate among staff ranged from 40 to 50 per cent.

Dawar said there are likely a number of reasons behind the lagging immunization rate this fall.

Some staff may not have had the time to get their flu shots yet due to general busyness, she said, while others may have received their immunization but not had time to report it.

Other staff members choose not to be immunized, which Dawar said is permitted as long as they wear a mask once the deadline kicks in.

"The bottom line is the policy does not mandate influenza immunization," she said. "So at the end of the day, on Monday, what's really important is that staff who are not immunized start wearing their mask because a mask-wearing period is in."

Both health authorities are pushing hard this week to encourage remaining staff to get immunized through reminder letters and extra flu-shot clinics.

It's especially important that staff get their flu immunizations, said Dawar, as the latest numbers from the B.C. Centre for Disease Control point to a higher than usual rate of influenza-like illness activity in B.C. this month.

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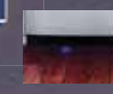

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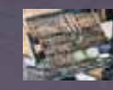

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Competition Bureau wants cities to ease up on ride-sharing services

Sweet ride. Bureau says Vancouver should reconsider blocked services that could benefit consumers

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Canada's Competition Bureau believes cities such as Vancouver should reconsider tough measures that block ride-sharing services from operating within their boundaries and explore less restrictive regulations, according to a bureau newsletter published Tuesday.

The bureau supports ride-sharing services where passengers connect with and pay nearby drivers via a smartphone app, calling them innovative businesses that benefit consumers through lower prices, greater convenience and better service.

While the newsletter doesn't mention Uber by name, the sliver of support for its business model comes as the U.S. company faces increasing backlash from Canadian cities. (Not to mention the controversy south of the border over privacy concerns and questionable ethics.)

Vancouver, Montreal and Calgary have blocked Uber — Vancouver is conducting a six-month review of its taxi industry and ride sharing in general — and Ottawa and Toronto have taken action against Uber for operating outside of taxi industry regulations.

The Vancouver Taxi Association is trying to get a court injunction to stop Uber from re-launching in the city, and a consortium of Canadian taxi companies have united to create a national campaign against the company.

Despite all this, Uber continues to advertise Vancouver jobs on Facebook. More than 19,200 people have signed an online poll urging the government to let it operate in B.C.

The Competition Bureau admits that safety and privacy concerns surrounding Uber may be legitimate, but believes such issues could be addressed without completely shutting out ride sharing.

The Competition Bureau is asking Canadian cities to give services like Uber a break. GETTY IMAGES

It cites complaints against the taxi industry from customers concerned about wait times and prices and from drivers who can't get plates — a single taxi licence in Vancouver reportedly sells for up to $1 million — or are forced to deal with one dispatcher.

Innovation may disrupt the taxi industry, but the bureau believes the market must absorb the change.

Prince Rupert ferry terminal must be built with U.S. steel

Construction of the Prince Rupert ferry terminal on British Columbia's West Coast has become tangled in Buy America provisions, meaning the facility that sits on Canadian Crown land must be built with U.S. iron and steel.

A request for proposals from the State of Alaska carefully spells out that the project — estimated to cost as much as almost $17 million — must be built under the American legislation.

A new terminal was part of an agreement in a 50-year lease signed in 2013 between the Prince Rupert Port Authority and the Alaska Department of Highways, which operates the ferry between Prince Rupert and Alaska.

Jeremy Woodrow, a spokesman for the Alaska Marine Highway, said his department anticipated the "conundrum" of building under the Buy America policies on Canadian land and carefully worded the request with international contractors in mind.

"So it's a really interesting project, in the fact that we have what is essentially a U.S. ferry terminal being built on Canadian land or Canadian waters," he said.

Michael Gurney, manager of corporate communications at the Prince Rupert Port Authority, said in an interview that the lease agreement didn't make any restrictions on the construction of the terminal and the port has no control or responsibility for the terminal.

The Alaska Marine Highway has been operating from the current facility since 1963.

International Trade Minister Ed Fast said he is deeply concerned about the restrictions on the Prince Rupert construction project.

"Taxpayers on both sides of the border would benefit from dismantling the trade barriers and inefficiencies created by U.S. protectionist policies such as Buy America," Fast said in a statement. "We are exploring all options to address this situation." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Why the Vancouver Aquarium doesn't want public oversight

Underwater oversight. Aquarium CEO does not believe park board would be best suited to pick committee experts

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Vancouver Aquarium president and CEO John Nightingale in the Teck Engagement Gallery in June. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO FILE

Lost in the debate on the cetacean-breeding ban at the Vancouver Aquarium was the park board's proposal for an oversight committee to keep tabs on the belugas, dolphins and porpoises in captivity at Stanley Park.

It seems an innocuous enough proposal — a committee of five animal-welfare experts would publicly report on the cetaceans' welfare twice a year — that Vision Vancouver commissioners pitched as a first step to quell public concerns over whales in captivity.

But just because the topic isn't as sexy as the breeding ban, which was ultimately set aside for the newly elected NPA-majority park board to deal with, doesn't mean the aquarium is fine with the suggestion.

"We are opposed to the oversight committee," Vancouver Aquarium CEO John Nightingale said after the park board meeting Monday night.

"It's one thing to have people with some general knowledge … but real knowledge, which comes from taking care of animals and studying how they're taken care of in other places and studying what goes on in the wild, is what gives you the real information to make decisions," he said.

The park board recommended that the committee could include scientists, veterinarians, community members or people from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Their job would be to track the health of cetaceans owned by the aquarium and research projects related to captive cetaceans.

Nightingale doesn't believe the park board would be the best at selecting appropriate experts for the panel, nor does he think it's the best use of taxpayers' money.

The aquarium has been in talks with the park board for years about reporting methods, but Nightingale said no one cared until this year.

"I do take umbrage at being chastised for not being open and transparent, because to be open and transparent we need to speak, which we have, but somebody needs to care and listen, which they haven't."

For their part, Vision Vancouver commissioners Sarah Blyth and Constance Barnes said they took up the cause to look into captivity after receiving a petition with 35,000 signatures. They argued they responded to new information.

But the oversight proposal might sink as fast as the breeding ban when the NPA comes into power on Dec. 1. Returning NPA commissioner John Coupar said he was "concerned" about the committee, and his party supports the aquarium's current practices.

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Tips sought in British tourist's disappearance

Thomas Billings. 22-year-old had said he wanted to go hiking before going missing a year ago

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Investigators are seeking new clues in the disappearance of British tourist Thomas Billings, who went missing one year ago.

Vancouver police said they have received several tips that prompted extensive searches of the North Shore by search and rescue teams, but police still haven't found any signs of the missing man.

Billings was last seen Nov. 25, 2013, at about 9 a.m. on East Broadway near McLean Drive, according to police.

Police said he was scheduled to enter the U.S. at the end of November and then return to England on Dec. 7, but he never arrived.

He had said he wanted to go hiking, and most of his belongings were left at a home in East Vancouver where he was staying, police said.

On Tuesday, police released more photos of Billings in the hopes that someone may remember seeing him.

Billings was 22 when he went missing.

He is described as white, five-foot-seven and 160 pounds, with short, blond hair and blue eyes, and was last seen wearing a black jacket and grey military-style pants.

Police released another photo Tuesday of Thomas Billings. COURTESY VANCOUVER POLICE

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Failed mayoral bid. Union takes legal action against NPA, LaPointe

The Canadian Union of Public Employees' B.C. branch has filed legal action against the Non-Partisan Association and its failed mayoral candidate Kirk LaPointe, CUPE announced Tuesday.

CUPE will not reveal details about the court documents until a news conference on Wednesday, spokesman Nathan Allen said.

The legal action is separate, however, from the defamation lawsuit against the NPA and LaPointe filed by Vision Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson and Coun. Geoff Meggs, Allen said.

The prior lawsuit relates to comments by LaPointe and the NPA that Vision made a "corrupt deal" with CUPE Local 1004 by recommitting to not contracting out more jobs. CUPE subsequently donated $102,000 to Vision.

The legal action comes a week and a half after the Nov. 15 election, where Vancouverites re-elected Robertson instead of handing the reins to political newcomer LaPointe.

Regardless of the win, Robertson and Meggs intend to pursue the lawsuit.

LaPointe and the NPA did not immediately respond to request for comment about the CUPE legal action.

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CUPE B.C. has launched legal action against NPA mayoral candidate Kirk LaPointe, pictured on the campaign trail. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO FILE

Ex-deputy minister

Key figure in health firings won't take part in review

A former top Liberal government bureaucrat involved in the firings of eight health researchers two years ago says he won't take part in a review of the dismissals because it's not an independent probe.

Graham Whitmarsh's announcement came in a written statement released by the Opposition New Democrats that says while he believes Victoria labour lawyer Marcia McNeil can be independent, he doesn't think her review will be.

Whitmarsh was the deputy health minister in 2012 when the firings took place. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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BC Ferries to convert largest vessels to LNG

BC Ferries plans to convert its two largest vessels to liquefied natural gas in an effort to save fuel costs after sinking $126 million into marine diesel fuel last year.

The company announced Tuesday that it has the BC Ferries commissioner's approval to upgrade the Swartz Bay-to-Tsawwassen route ships.

BC Ferries says it expects to save about $9.2 million annually by switching the two Spirit Class vessels to LNG because they account for 15 per cent of the fleet's total fuel consumption.

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Pipeline. Grandma says she's willing to risk jail

An 84-year-old retired librarian says she's willing to violate a court injunction and go to jail as she and other anti-pipeline protesters take a stand against fossil fuels by interfering with survey work in Burnaby.

Barbara Grant joined activists near Burnaby Mountain on Tuesday to demonstrate against Kinder Morgan's proposed plan to nearly triple its pipeline capacity to transport Alberta oil to B.C.

Grant said she has the support of her three children and three grandchildren, some of whom have joined the protest as crews drilled two bore holes into Burnaby Mountain before a decision on the project by the National Energy Board.

"They believe, as I do, that this pipeline must be stopped," Grant said of her family's views on the Trans Mountain pipeline project, noting crews were working on public land.

"I believe that this pipeline is a very, very bad idea," she said. "It goes against practically everything I believe in. And I feel that the National Energy Board process by which the Kinder Morgan cause is being advanced is totally undemocratic."

Grant said protesters had gathered about a 10-minute walk from the site where crews were doing survey work and that she may cross a no-go line on the mountain later Tuesday.

She said the risk of being arrested would be worth it to make a point against the expansion of the Trans Mountain pipeline.

"That is a possibility I have to face," she said.

When it comes to the transportation of oil, B.C. is taking all the environmental risks, she added, raising concerns about increased tanker traffic and the threat of an oil spill.

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Health. Enterovirus D68 cases decline: CDC director

Cases of enterovirus D68 in B.C. appear to be on the decline, but the threat of the respiratory illness responsible for two deaths and symptoms of paralysis in four patients is not over yet, according to the B.C. Centre for Disease Control.

Dr. Mel Krajden, an associate medical director with the B.C. Centre for Disease Control, said the latest flu-surveillance report points to a decline in the number of cases of enterovirus D68 but said the health agency will continue monitoring the situation.

"I suspect we are likely over the worst of it," Krajden told Metro. "But we are going to be going into our normal respiratory season, so probably this virus will be displaced by other viruses."

As of Nov. 19, there have been 202 confirmed cases of D68 in B.C., of which 132 required hospitalization.

Sixty-three per cent of cases affected children under 10 years of age, while 58 per cent of cases are in males.

In early November, an elderly patient in B.C. with confirmed enterovirus D68 died, but Krajden said it's difficult to confirm the extent to which the virus is responsible.

The latest fatality associated with enterovirus D68 is that of a Metro Vancouver man in his early 20s who died in mid-October after contracting the virus. He had a history of severe asthma.

Since mid-August, an outbreak of the virus in North America has sent a rash of children and young people to hospital. THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

Assiniboine Park Zoo

Seal gets caught in drain, dies

The Assiniboine Park Zoo says one of its harbour seals has died after getting stuck in an underwater drain. This is the second high-profile death at the zoo in two months due to reasons other than illness. A tiger died Sept. 25 after a fence separating two males was not closed properly and the males fought. METRO WINNIPEG

Sexual-assault case

Physiotherapist found guilty

A physiotherapist from Vancouver Island's Cowichan Valley has been convicted of sexually assaulting eight women. Campbell Crichton was initially charged with five counts of sexual assault in March 2011, but more complainants came forward after police asked potential victims to contact them. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada's Simon Whitfield talks to reporters in London on Aug. 7, 2012. The two-time Olympic medal winner is the new face of a Vancouver mobile bike-repair business. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bike shop attracts Simon Whitfield

Mobile cycling repair service. Canadian-based business brings former gold-medal winner on board as an investor

Gold-medal triathlete Simon Whitfield is an investor, franchise owner and enthusiastic spokesman for a Vancouver-based mobile bike-repair business looking to expand around the world.

"We're not the triple-A of cycling," said Whitfield, dispelling a misconception he admits he had when he first heard of Velofix.

"At first I made the mistake that a lot of people make: they think we do roadside assistance. The first thing they educated me on is no we don't.... The bike shop comes to you and does all the bikes in your garage."

It's the brainchild of businessman Chris Guillemet, retired professional soccer player-turned-businessman Davide Xausa and bike mechanic and champion track cyclist Boris Martin.

Their expansion plan was pitched recently to the investors on CBC's Dragons' Den, which will be airing that episode Wednesday.

The principals can't share what developed out of that appearance until it airs, but from their base in Vancouver they've already got a toehold in Toronto and are working ambitiously to spread to the rest of Canada, the United States, Australia and Europe.

"I own two of the trucks myself and also work with the corporate on business development," said Whitfield, who won Olympic gold in 2000 and silver in 2008 in the triathlon and now lives in Victoria and on Salt Spring Island.

"We've got five trucks on the road today and they're all franchises," said Guillemet, who also participates in endurance sports.

He said the whole thing started when he and Xausa were looking to get their own bikes repaired and balked at the idea of parting with them for a week or more if they took them to a shop or not getting the work done properly.

"We found it very frustrating trying to get our bikes fixed.... In a shorter riding season, if your bike's gone for seven to 10 days, that's a good chunk of your season," Guillemet said.

Martin put the first truck on the road, and they worked out the kinks in their plan, which includes online booking, inventory control and the kind of route co-ordination needed to be successful.

"We're the same price as a bike shop because we don't have the overhead," said Guillemet. "We're a bit of a disruptive force."

He said there were individuals out there trying to make mobile work on their own.

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Antiques dealer admits to smuggling rhino horns

A Vancouver-area antiques dealer has pleaded guilty in an American court to attempting to import endangered rhinoceros horns into Canada in a smuggling operation that also saw carved elephant tusks and other items illegally transported across the border.

Xiao Ju Guan, also known as Tony Guan, pleaded guilty in a New York City court to one count of attempted smuggling.

The 39-year-old, who owns an antiques business in Richmond, pleaded guilty to one count of attempted smuggling, the U.S. Department of Justice said in a news release.

The release said Guan travelled from the Vancouver area to New York, where he met with undercover agents from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at a storage facility in the city's Bronx borough.

The agents sold Guan two endangered black rhinoceros horns and then accompanied him as he shipped the horns to an address in Point Roberts, Wash., located just across the border south of Vancouver. He labelled the box "handicrafts," the release said.

"Rhinos and elephants are not antiques, as the president of an antique company engaged in international trade should know," Sam Hirsch of the U.S. Department of Justice said in a news release.

"The illegal trade in rhino horn and elephant ivory and the escalation of black-market prices are directly related to horrific poaching on living animals." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jian Ghomeshi withdraws CBC lawsuit

Former CBC radio host Jian Ghomeshi CBC/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Abuse allegations. CBC spokesman says both sides have reached an agreement

Scandal-plagued former radio host Jian Ghomeshi has reached an agreement with the CBC to withdraw his $55-million lawsuit against the public broadcaster, a CBC spokesman said on Tuesday.

Ghomeshi was fired by the CBC last month amid allegations of "abusive behaviour" from numerous women — claims he has denied.

The 47-year-old former host of the radio program Q launched his lawsuit a day after the termination of his employment, alleging defamation and breach of confidence in his statement of claim.

The CBC then argued in court filings earlier this month that Ghomeshi's allegations were frivolous or vexatious and urged a court to dismiss the suit.

CBC spokesman Chuck Thompson confirmed that lawyers for both sides have now reached an agreement.

"The suit is being withdrawn with costs in favour of CBC," he said. "He's getting nothing."

Ghomeshi is expected to pay $18,000 in legal costs to the CBC, Thompson said. Ghomeshi had also filed a union grievance against the CBC alleging dismissal without cause, a matter Thompson said remains active.

A lawyer for Ghomeshi confirmed that the lawsuit between his client and the CBC "has been resolved."

The CBC has said it decided to fire Ghomeshi after seeing "graphic evidence" that he had physically injured a woman.

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Highlights from auditor general's report

Auditor general Michael Ferguson released his fall report Tuesday. Here are six issues highlighted by the audit team.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Long wait times

Many of Canada's battle-scarred veterans wait up to eight months to find out if they are eligible for long-term, mental-health disability benefits, and the department responsible for their care doesn't know if its treatment programs are effective. The report takes Veterans Affairs Canada — as well as National Defence — to task for saddling veterans with an array of paperwork and for making them wait a long time for help.

Sex-offender registry lacking information

The national sex-offender registry may not include some Canadians convicted of crimes abroad because the RCMP doesn't have access to Foreign Affairs information on convicts released from prisons in other countries. The report urges the RCMP to work with the department on improving information sharing.

In general, the RCMP did not have access to information on Canadians arrested, charged, convicted and released from foreign prisons. However the report says RCMP and Public Safety Canada were working well with foreign police on criminal investigations that affect Canadians.

Who benefits from food program in Northern Canada?

The federal government can't tell if northerners are reaping the full benefit of a program aimed at helping to offset the high cost of food in the North.

The audit team also had problems with the fact that the department doesn't collect reliable data on the profit margins of retailers in order to determine whether consumers are benefiting from the full subsidy.

Clutter in Library and Archives Canada an issue

Future generations may not be able to enjoy Canada's recorded heritage — including photos, maps and important documents — because Library and Archives Canada is not collecting all of the material it should from federal agencies.

The auditor general's report says Library and Archives doesn't know what it already has due to a backlog of 98,000 boxes of records.

Poor finding aids for some of the material in its collection make it hard to locate records — including documents on Indian residential schools needed by the federal Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Aid projects plagued by delays

Funding delays of more than a year plagued two Canada humanitarian-assistance projects in Syria, while the military's water-purification system didn't measure up during last year's typhoon in the Philippines. The report examined 42 Foreign Affairs projects totalling $172 million in response to eight global crises between April 2011 and December 2013, including African drought and famine, floods in Central America, an earthquake in Guatemala and Hurricane Sandy.

A struggle to obtain information on auto bailout

Canadians would have to go searching through a bunch of different reports if they wanted to piece together how their tax dollars were spent on big auto bailouts.

The audit team says they struggled to get a full picture of the aid given to automakers, whether the money made a difference and how much was recovered and lost.

They say that's because no single department or agency was in charge of collecting and reporting all this information.

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Jailed ex-hairstylist nears exoneration

Frank Ostrowski
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A former hairstylist turned drug dealer who spent 23 years in prison for murder has moved one step closer to possibly clearing his name.

Federal Justice Minister Peter MacKay has referred Frank Ostrowski's case to the Manitoba Court of Appeal for a conviction review.

MacKay said in a written statement he was "satisfied there is a reasonable basis to conclude that a miscarriage of justice likely occurred in Mr. Ostrowski's 1987 conviction."

Ostrowski, 65, said he is anxious for the ordeal to be over.

"It doesn't take long to put somebody in (prison), but it takes them a long time to change things," he said after a brief court appearance in which his bail was continued.

"Now I have the evidence that proves I'm innocent … and it'll all be settled shortly."

The move comes five years after a Court of Queen's Bench judge released Ostrowski on bail pending a federal review of his case. The judge cited serious concerns about the conviction.

Ostrowski was found guilty of ordering the shooting death of Robert Nieman over a drug debt. He was convicted largely on the testimony of a key witness — Matthew Lovelace — who had separate charges of cocaine possession stayed.

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Diran Lin, father of Jun Lin, leaves the courtroom at the murder trial for Luka Rocco Magnotta on Tuesday in Montreal. Magnotta is charged in connection with the death and dismemberment of university student Jun Lin, a case that made international headlines. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Defence team rests its case

Luka Magnotta trial. The prosecution will now call rebuttal witnesses

Luka Rocco Magnotta's defence rested at his first-degree murder trial on Tuesday without hearing from the accused, who says he should be found not criminally responsible in the slaying of Jun Lin.

Instead, defence lawyer Luc Leclair ended his case focusing on the testimony of two psychiatrists who told the trial that Magnotta was in a psychotic state the night of the killing in May 2012.

They also said Magnotta had not been on medication for schizophrenia since 2010 and could not tell right from wrong.

While Magnotta maintained his right to silence, Leclair presented a dozen witnesses over roughly two weeks.

Magnotta, 32, is charged with first-degree murder in the slaying and dismemberment of Lin, a Chinese engineering student. The accused has admitted to the killing but has pleaded not guilty by way of mental disorder.

The key witnesses included Magnotta's biological father, who testified he too suffers from paranoid schizophrenia and began to see similar traits in his son during his teens.

Forensic psychiatrists Joel Watts and Marie-Frederique Allard assessed Magnotta and said he could not be held criminally responsible for Lin's death.

In the ninth week of the trial, prosecutor Louis Bouthillier began to present rebuttal evidence aimed at poking holes in the psychosis theory. The prosecution has argued Lin's death and dismemberment were planned and deliberate.

One witness, Dr. Joel Paris, a Montreal psychiatrist, was the last doctor to see Magnotta before Lin's slaying. and testified he observed no signs of schizophrenia or prolonged psychosis during an hour-long April 17, 2012, meeting.

Paris said he diagnosed the accused as having borderline personality disorder. He never saw the accused's voluminous medical records and didn't see any outward signs of schizophrenia or bipolar disorder.

"We didn't have the evidence for it," Paris said. "In other words, there was no evidence of an extended period of psychosis."

Leclair suggested that Paris purposely did not look for signs of schizophrenia because borderline personality disorder is the doctor's area of expertise.

Later the jury briefly heard from Dr. Gilles Chamberland, a forensic psychiatrist hired by the crown to assess Magnotta.

He said he was told Magnotta would not meet him, but he had access to medical records and Crown evidence.

He said Magnotta either suffers from schizophrenia or from a personality disorder, and finds it difficult the latter would be the root problem, although he noted the case was complicated.

"We could make an almost complete psychiatry course with what happened here," he said.

Chamberland returns to the stand Wednesday.

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Meet the family, or perhaps not

When reporter Jessica Smith Cross learned Silicon Valley genetics testing service 23andme was offering Canadians a new $199 mail-in test, she was curious: How much could she learn from her DNA and how much should she learn? This is the first in a three-part series in which Smith Cross — who took the spit test — delves into the implications of increasingly easy testing in the complicated legal and ethical Canadian landscape. First up: When it comes to your genes, why would you want to know?

JESSICA SMITH CROSS
Metro in Toronto

Carolynn Baird had given up on ever meeting her birth mother.

Baird, now in her 70s, has Parkinson's disease and signed up to the California-based genetic testing company 23andme to learn about her genes. She wanted to know if she had a genetic family history of Parkinson's, or if environmental factors were more likely to blame. Being adopted, she didn't know.

But the service didn't just give her access to her familial medical history — it gave her access to her family: Specifically, her mother.

23andme offers its $199 genetic testing kits free to Parkinson's patients in an effort to aid research into the disease.

When she got the results, Baird learned she didn't have the typical genetic variant that's believed to predispose people to Parkinson's. She also learned she has a second cousin who, like her, had signed up to 23andme's relative-finding service.

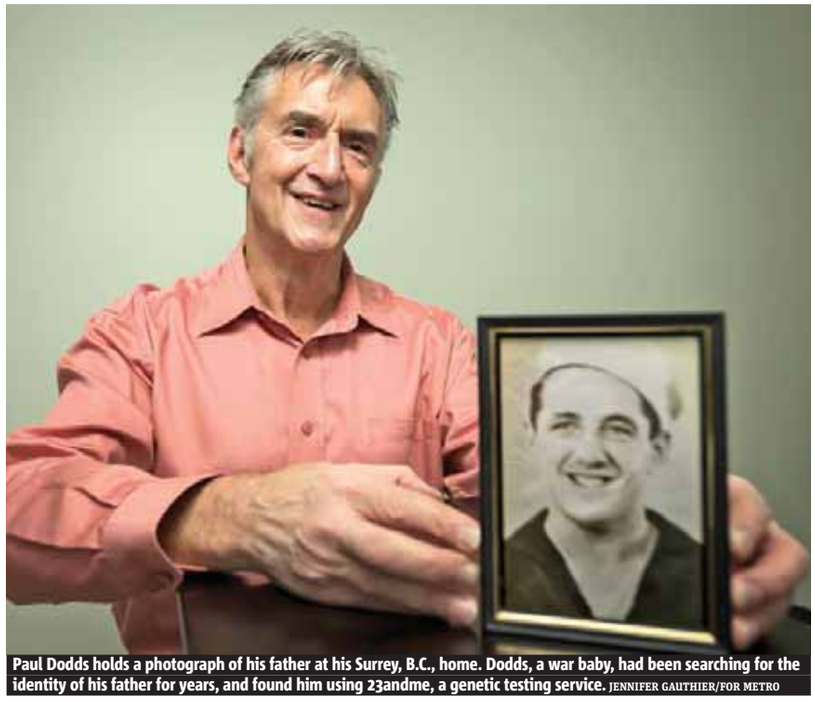
She contacted the woman.

"I discovered that she knew my birth family. It was quite a shock."

Baird was adopted at six months and grew up in Ontario's Niagara Peninsula. She said she wanted to know her family out of "human curiosity."

Because of 23andme, Baird met "about 50" relatives and plans to keep in touch.

"This summer my immediate family, my kids, my husband and I, we went to one of their homes and met all the cousins and all the nieces and it was an absolutely wonderful experience," Baird said. "I never expected my mother would still be here. It was quite amazing, really."



Paul Dodds holds a photograph of his father at his Surrey, B.C., home. Dodds, a war baby, had been searching for the identity of his father for years, and found him using 23andme, a genetic testing service. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

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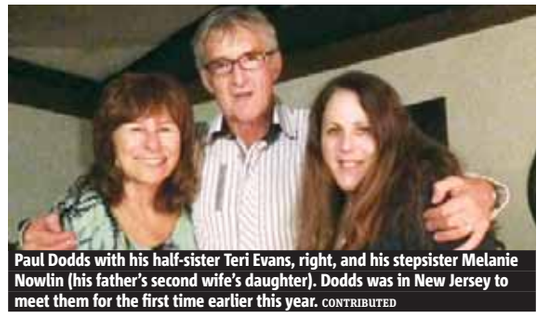


Paul Dodds with his half-sister Teri Evans, right, and his stepsister Melanie Nowlin (his father's second wife's daughter). Dodds was in New Jersey to meet them for the first time earlier this year. CONTRIBUTED

Unlike Baird, when I signed up to 23andme, I chose not to be notified if I have any relatives who use the service. I love the family members I have and have no desire to get in touch with a fourth or fifth cousin. But, it hadn't occurred to me, until I spoke with people who are searching for family, what it might mean to find a distant cousin and use that connection to sleuth out family.

Still, Baird has not spoken with her mother. Her family pointed her out, but Baird chose not to tell her, that she was her daughter.

"Since she had never told anyone about me, I didn't want to disturb her life at this stage. So when I went to see her, I just saw her. I didn't go and speak to her," Baird said.

In Surrey, B.C., resident Paul Dodds is urging Canadians, especially those who had relatives in the military, to take DNA tests so "war babies" like him who are the children of North American men who served overseas, have a chance to find their relatives.

Dodds grew up thinking his mother's husband, Len Dodds, was his father.

When he was 50, Len passed away from a rare cancer. He called a relative to find out more about Len's medical history and that's when an uncle told him the truth.

"My mother had been deliberately lying to me," Dodds said. "She was hiding something and I had to find out."

Dodds was born in Wales, just after the Second World War.

Dodds tried 23andme and found a first cousin, who led him to his half sister, who lives in New Jersey. He learned his biological father, Leon Rossien, was in Dodds' mother's area around Victory in Europe Day, May 8, 1945, when Dodds was conceived.

What if records are not legally available?

An alternate way to trace birth parents

A mother who gave up her child for adoption — or a once-anonymous sperm donor — can be discovered through 23andme if one of their blood relatives signs up and gets in contact with the person seeking the identity of their family. But that's not to say the mother or father wants to be found.

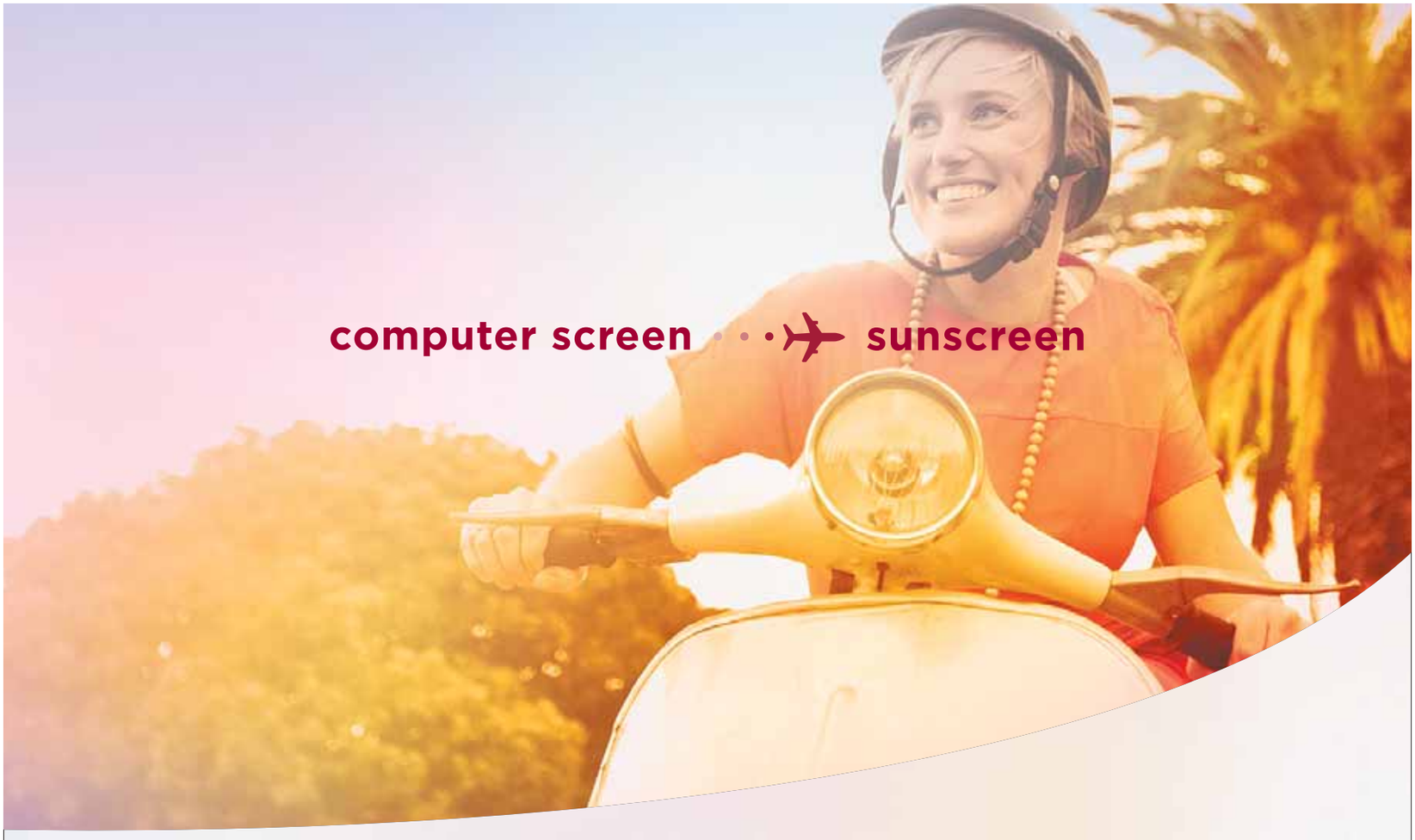
The laws surrounding the disclosures of birth parents' identity differ across Canada. For example, the parents of children born in Alberta and adopted prior to 2005, can veto the disclosure of their identities to the child. Parents in Ontario can veto the release of their identities if the adoption occurred before Sept. 1, 2008. In B.C., that veto date is November 1996. In Nova Scotia, both birth parent and adopted child must agree to the disclosure of the parent's identity. Manitoba's laws are set to change next year so that parents and children will no longer be able to veto the release of their information.

So, children seeking their birth parents can, in some cases, find out who they are through 23andme, even if the government records wouldn't legally be available in their situation.

Sometimes, finding out family members you didn't know you had isn't a good thing.

For example, a biology teacher wrote an essay on Vox.com about how he accidently gave his parents "the gift of divorce" when he gave them 23andme kits for Christmas, and they found his father had fathered another child.

"I'm really devastated at the outcome," the man, who withheld his name, wrote. "I wrestle with these emotions. I love my family. This is nothing I ever would have wished."



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Ferguson awakens to destruction after night of protests and arrests

Shooting death of Michael Brown.
Protesters peaceful and violent alike took to the streets last night in wake of grand jury decision

Missouri's governor ordered more National Guardsmen into Ferguson on Tuesday to keep order after a night of violence over the grand jury decision in the police shooting of Michael Brown.

Smoke billowed from burned-out Ferguson businesses on Tuesday and glass littered the sidewalks from display windows that were smashed during the protests that erupted after it was announced that police Officer Darren Wilson wouldn't be indicted for killing Brown on Aug. 9.

More than a dozen businesses were badly damaged or destroyed. Authorities reported hearing hundreds of gunshots, which for a time prevented fire crews from fighting the flames.

There were 61 arrests in Ferguson overnight, St. Louis County Police spokesman Brian Schellman said. There were 21 arrests in St. Louis, where protesters broke some store windows along South Grand Avenue, St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay said.

At least 18 people were injured and sought treatment at area hospitals, including someone who was shot and recovering Tuesday at SSM DePaul Health Center. The hospital didn't give any details about the shooting. Two other people were admitted to Barnes-Jewish Hospital for undisclosed injuries. Everyone else was treated and released.

The grand jury's decision means that Wilson, who is white, will not face any state criminal charges for killing Brown, who was black and unarmed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Simmering U.S. tensions

The world reacts

The violent protests in Ferguson, Missouri, reflect simmering U.S. tensions over racial discrimination that could undermine the country's stability, a senior Russian diplomat said Tuesday. The comments by the Russian Foreign Ministry's human rights envoy, Konstantin Dolgov, were among the sharpest from a foreign official as images of violent protests in Ferguson topped newscasts around the world.

This aerial photo shows the St. Louis skyline in the distance, Tuesday, as businesses smolder in Ferguson, Mo., after they were burned in overnight protests following a grand jury's decision not to indict police officer Darren Wilson in the killing of Michael Brown. CHARLIE RIEDEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Officer Wilson says he couldn't have prevented Brown's killing

Darren Wilson THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ferguson Police Officer Darren Wilson says he couldn't have done anything differently in his confrontation with Michael Brown to have prevented the 18-year-old's shooting death.

Wilson made his first public statements Tuesday during an interview with ABC News' George Stephanopoulos.

He told Stephanopoulos he has a clean conscience because "I know I did my job right."

Wilson was placed on leave Aug. 9, the day the white officer fatally shot Brown, who was unarmed and black.

Wilson had been with the Ferguson police force for less than three years before the shooting. He told Stephanopoulos that Brown's shooting marked the first time he had used his gun.
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Details

ABC News' George Stephanopoulos landed the much-sought first television interview with Darren Wilson, speaking to him for an hour Tuesday in Missouri.

- The network interrupted its afternoon programming Tuesday for Stephanopoulos to talk about the interview, even before excerpts were available.
- In television terms, the Wilson interview was one of the biggest "gets" of the year, and the Ferguson police officer reportedly held discussions with representatives from CBS, NBC and CNN before deciding to speak with Stephanopoulos.

Cairo

At least 19 killed after building collapses

An apartment building in Egypt's capital collapsed Tuesday, killing at least 19 people. Neighbours said the seven-story building had several floors illegally added onto it.
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Neighbours watch rescue operations Tuesday. AMR NABI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

France

Pope seeks to inspire Europe in Strasbourg speech

Pope Francis tried Thursday to inspire an old and "haggard" Europe to find its vigour and greatness once again, urging governments to welcome migrants, care for the elderly and create jobs.

Francis outlined his vision for the continent in a pair of speeches to the European Parliament and Council of Europe.

Specifically, he called for legislators to promote policies that create jobs and accept immigrants.
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Nigeria

More than 40 killed in Maiduguri suicide bombing

Two teenage girls entered a busy marketplace separately Tuesday, the first detonating her bomb and killing three women. As rescuers rushed in, the second girl screamed and set off her explosives, killing dozens more, according to witnesses and authorities.

Suspicion immediately fell on the Islamic militant group Boko Haram. It was not known Tuesday if the attackers were connected to the April abduction of over 200 schoolgirls. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Frozen toys knock Barbie from top spot

New survey. Girls are not letting go of their love of Elsa, while boys are going gaga for LEGO this holiday season

The Disney Frozen Sparkle Princess Elsa Doll. CONTRIBUTED

For the first time in more than a decade, Barbie has been frozen out of the top spot on the holiday wish lists of girls.

The new reigning champion in the hearts of little girls is Team Elsa.

The megahit Frozen has earned Disney more than a billion at the box office worldwide and the gravitational pull of the animated film has now plucked Barbie from the throne she has occupied for 11 years, according to a survey by the National Retail Federation, based in the U.S.

The NRF's Holiday Top Toys Survey found that one in five parents, or 20 per cent, plans to buy Frozen merchandise for their girls. That beats the 16.8 per cent that are looking to make a Barbie purchase.

Barbie's star has faded of late, with sales of the iconic doll dropping 21 per cent in the third quarter, according to the toy company Mattel Inc.

Frozen, even a year after the release of the film, continues to rule the playground, where girls spontaneously form circles and burst into songs like Let It Go, and For the First Time in Forever.

Dolls dominated the top five spots for girls in the NRF poll. Monster High dolls took the fourth spot and American Girl grabbed the fifth position.

For boys, the NRF said that the No. 1 spot is again held by LEGO, which by its own right had a big, box office smash. Cars and trucks came in second place, while Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles were in third place.

The NRF survey, which was released late Monday, polled 6,593 consumers from Nov. 3 to Nov. 10. The survey was conducted for NRF by Prosper Insights & Analytics. The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 1.2 percentage points. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The No. 1 toy choice for boys this season is once again LEGO, which also recently had a box-office smash.

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BlackBerry paying people to ditch their iPhones

BlackBerry hopes a $600 incentive will convince iPhone users to swap their touchscreen Apple device for a keyboard-equipped BlackBerry Passport.

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VOICES

‘HANDS UP, DON’T SHOOT’ RESONATES HERE

In the aftermath of the grand jury’s decision not to indict Officer Darren Wilson in the shooting death of Michael Brown, emotions are running high and many questions remain. Jen Taplin spoke with author, activist, spoken-word artist, professor and Halifax Regional Municipality’s poet laureate El Jones on why Canada needs to pay attention

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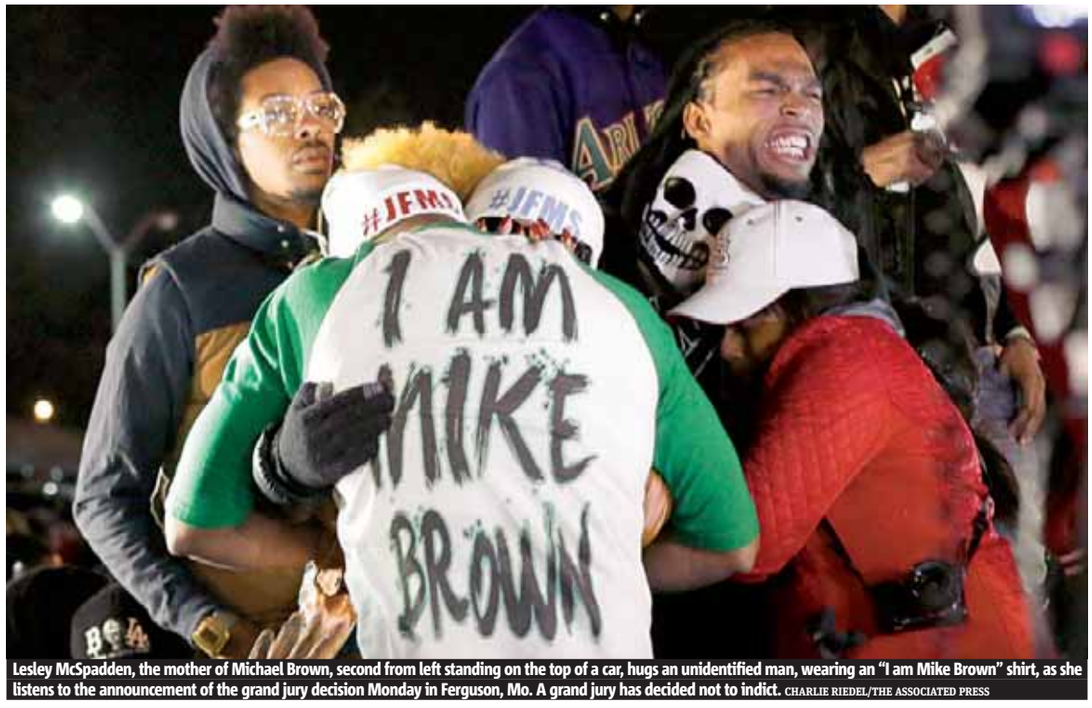

Lesley McSpadden, the mother of Michael Brown, second from left standing on the top of a car, hugs an unidentified man, wearing an “I am Mike Brown” shirt, as she listens to the announcement of the grand jury decision Monday in Ferguson, Mo. A grand jury has decided not to indict. CHARLIE RIEDEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What was your reaction when you heard Darren Wilson would not be indicted? What’s the saying? ‘Shocked, but not surprised.’

To indict the officer is to indict the system and they can’t indict the system without then reforming it, so I didn’t expect anything to happen there.

What do you think about the reaction across the United States? You’ve seen photos of them being treated like it’s a hostile military country imposing no-fly zones.

So that’s very disturbing, that people who are citizens of the country being treated like the enemy, with the same tactics they’re using in Iraq or Afghanistan as invaders, and occupation is being directed at its own citizens.

From the beginning, there’s been a consistent police response, which has been about repression rather than recognizing the right of the people to be in their own streets in their own country. We tend to get this media response that it’s looting, it’s rioting. (But) it’s revolution.

The people are recognizing the solutions are not going to lie inside the political system, the justice system. It’s going to have to be from people making their own response and that’s what we’ve seen on the streets of Ferguson.

People want to characterize that as violence as that delegitimizes the protest ... I know people get frightened when something revolutionary happens, but I think it’s positive because what we’ve seen is the ordinary people organizing ...

What about the reaction in Canada? There’s been a lot more awareness of racial profiling and police brutality in general ... We had the Moncton shootings and we’re always coming through this lens in Canada, especially with Ottawa, of violence against police versus police violence.

There’s that question of is it disrespectful to talk about the police when we’ve had Moncton? When we held the Ferguson Rally in Halifax people said, ‘There aren’t shootings here, so why are you holding a rally?’

And we said, ‘Well, that’s why. We want to get people organized to work in our communities before there’s a crisis point, because once you’re in crisis, there’s no justice and there’s nothing that can happen. Once somebody’s dead, what can you do?’

As African people, we have the right to engage our police departments, we should have a race relations committee, we should have members of the community that are keeping the police accountable, we should be doing neighbourhood watch and police watch to make sure policing in our community is in relation to us and we have whatever relationships we need to have in the police department.

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El Jones, on why it’s important to protest in Canada

Grand juries

The difference between U.S. and Canada

KATE PUDDISTER
Guest column

When a grand jury looked at the shooting death of Michael Brown, it was not assessing the guilt or innocence of Officer Darren Wilson, but rather if the prosecution could lay a charge against him and what that charge should be.

In the U.S., grand jury deliberations are controlled by the prosecution and done in secret. The prosecution presents evidence and explains the law to the jury and how it applies to the particular case. The defence does not participate in a grand jury and thus, there is no cross-examination of witnesses. The findings of a grand jury do not have to be unanimous; in Missouri, nine out of 12 jurors must support indictment for a charge to be laid. Prosecutor Robert McCulloch did not have to go the grand jury route. He could have laid charges and proceeded to a preliminary hearing, a process also used in Canada for serious offences. Unlike a grand jury, a preliminary hearing takes place in an open court, is supervised by a judge, and allows for the cross-examination of witnesses by the defence.

Canada does not use a grand jury process. Instead, in most Canadian provinces the police have the power to lay charges in criminal matters (with the exception of B.C. and Quebec). Once charges have been laid, it is up to the Crown prosecutor to decide which charges will be pursued in court. The Crown must decide based on the evidence if the prosecution is in the public interest and if there is a likelihood of conviction. Had this incident taken place in Ontario, the Special Investigations Unit (an independent civilian agency), would investigate and determine if criminal charges should be laid, as was the case most recently in the police shooting death of Sammy Yatim in Toronto, who, in an incident caught on tape, was shot eight times by police on a streetcar. The officer in the Yatim case, James Forcillo, was charged with second-degree murder by the SIU and is currently awaiting trial.

It is difficult to know whether the outcome would be different had the Ferguson case taken place in Canada. Arguably, in an Ontario scenario, the process would have been less controlled by the prosecution, there would have been a SIU investigation, the evidence presented would be subject to more restrictions and cross-examination by the defence. Finally, the decision to prosecute would not be left to a secret decision made by 12 anonymous individuals.

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Canadian stats

In at least one Canadian jurisdiction, police rarely face charges when involved in violent incidents.

- According to a 2010 investigation by the Toronto Star, the SIU had to date conducted more than 3,400 investigations, with criminal charges being laid in only 95 cases. Only 16 officers had been convicted of a crime and three had gotten jail time.

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Aniston revs up Dr. Julia's raunch in Horrible Bosses 2

Movies. Actress game to spice up sex fiend reboot but draws the line at mixing smut with gravy

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

In Horrible Bosses 2, Jennifer Aniston's sexually predatory Dr. Julia character from the first film finds herself in a setting that shouldn't be that surprising: a support group for sexual compulsives. Only she's not necessarily there with the most honest of intentions. Apparently she was faking the first step.

"I think the intention was to maybe seek help, but I think what she ultimately found out was that this is just like chum for her," Aniston says of the scene.

"What a wonderful sort of easy (opportunity). I'm sure she'd lost all of her patients, she'd done all of them, so maybe this was just another wonderful, innocent way to find more prey."

Dr. Julia as a character is one that got Aniston a lot of acclaim the first time around, particularly because it involved more raunch and raciness than audiences were necessarily expecting from her, and that's something she revelled in.

"She's a hard one to let go of. I didn't get enough of her. It was just like a little In and Out burger, and then she was done," Aniston says.

"I find it extremely entertaining, the way she speaks, because I don't really think, to her, she's saying anything inappropriate. I think to her, it's describing the ingredients to a wonderful soufflé or what are we going to be doing this weekend."

Quoted

"I think the writers called just to say, 'How far can we go with Dr. Julia?' I basically said, 'Go as far as you can go, as long as we're not insulting or offending too many people.'"

Jennifer Aniston

Jennifer Aniston as Dr. Julia in Horrible Bosses 2. CONTRIBUTED

Horrible Bosses 2

Director. Sean Anders

Stars. Jason Bateman, Jason Sudeikis, Charlie Day, Jennifer Aniston, Kevin Spacey

The second look at the pitiful employment record of Nick (Jason Bateman), Kurt (Jason Sudeikis) and Dale (Charlie Day) sees them try to strike it rich with a new product called the Shower Buddy, but when a shady billionaire (Christoph Waltz) pulls a fast one, they get even by kidnapping his son (Chris Pine).

There are more laughs on the average job application than in this workplace "comedy." Bateman, Sudeikis and Day seem to be having fun, joking and jostling like brothers, giggling as if they are in on a fantastic gag that only they get. It's too bad the audience doesn't have as much fun watching the movie as the cast apparently did while making it. RICHARD CROUSE

Comedy vs. drama

Horrible Bosses 2 isn't the only big film Jennifer Aniston has on tap.

- **She's also been getting rave reviews for her more serious work in the indie drama Cake, which can lead to a bit of promotional schizophrenia. But she wouldn't have it any other way.**
- **"I love doing both," Aniston says. "I mean, I think one accesses one part of my brain, and the other accesses another. Anytime I approach any character, comedy or drama, it's grounded in reality coming from the truth. There's comedy in drama and drama in comedy — I don't find the two exclusive of one another."**

For a sequel, though, clearly the envelope needed to be pushed.

"Honestly, I think the writers called just to say, 'How far can we go with Dr. Julia?'

"I basically said, 'Go as far as you can go, as long as we're not insulting or offending too many people.' I think it rose itself to the occasion. The dialogue was great," she says.

Well, maybe not all of it was that great. There's a moment during the outtakes that play over the film's credits where Aniston flat-out refuses to say an improvised line of dialogue — and now she can't even remember what it was.

"I want to know what the line was! I don't remember," she says.

"The one thing I wouldn't say — imagine how bad it must've been if I said that I can't say it. Either it was so bad or I just really didn't understand it — probably one of the two."

Luckily, one of the film's producers is on hand to remind her: It had something to do with using gravy for sexual purposes.

"It had to do with gravy? Well there you go, right there," she says. "I can tell you, gravy is not funny. Sexual gravy is not funny."

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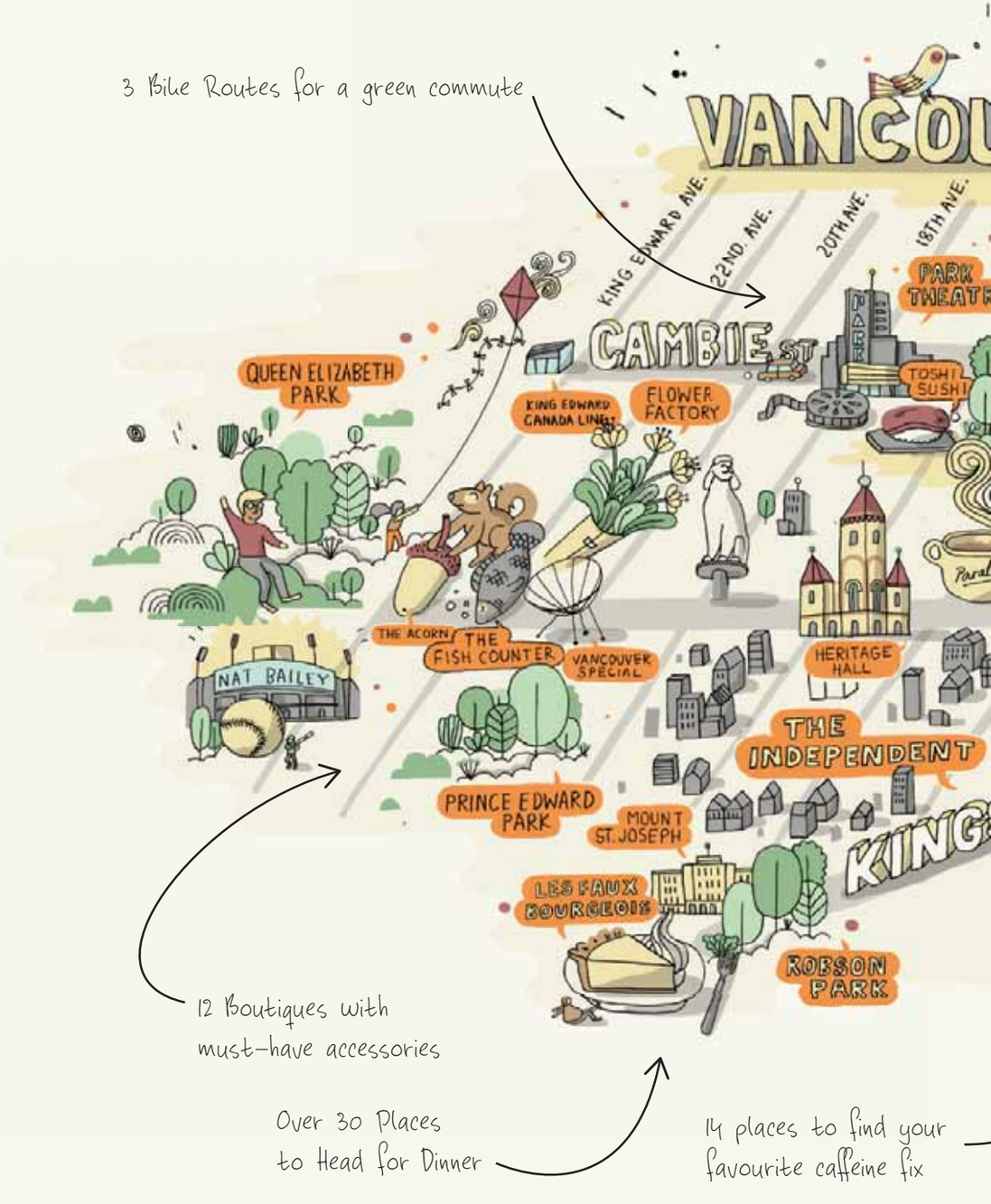

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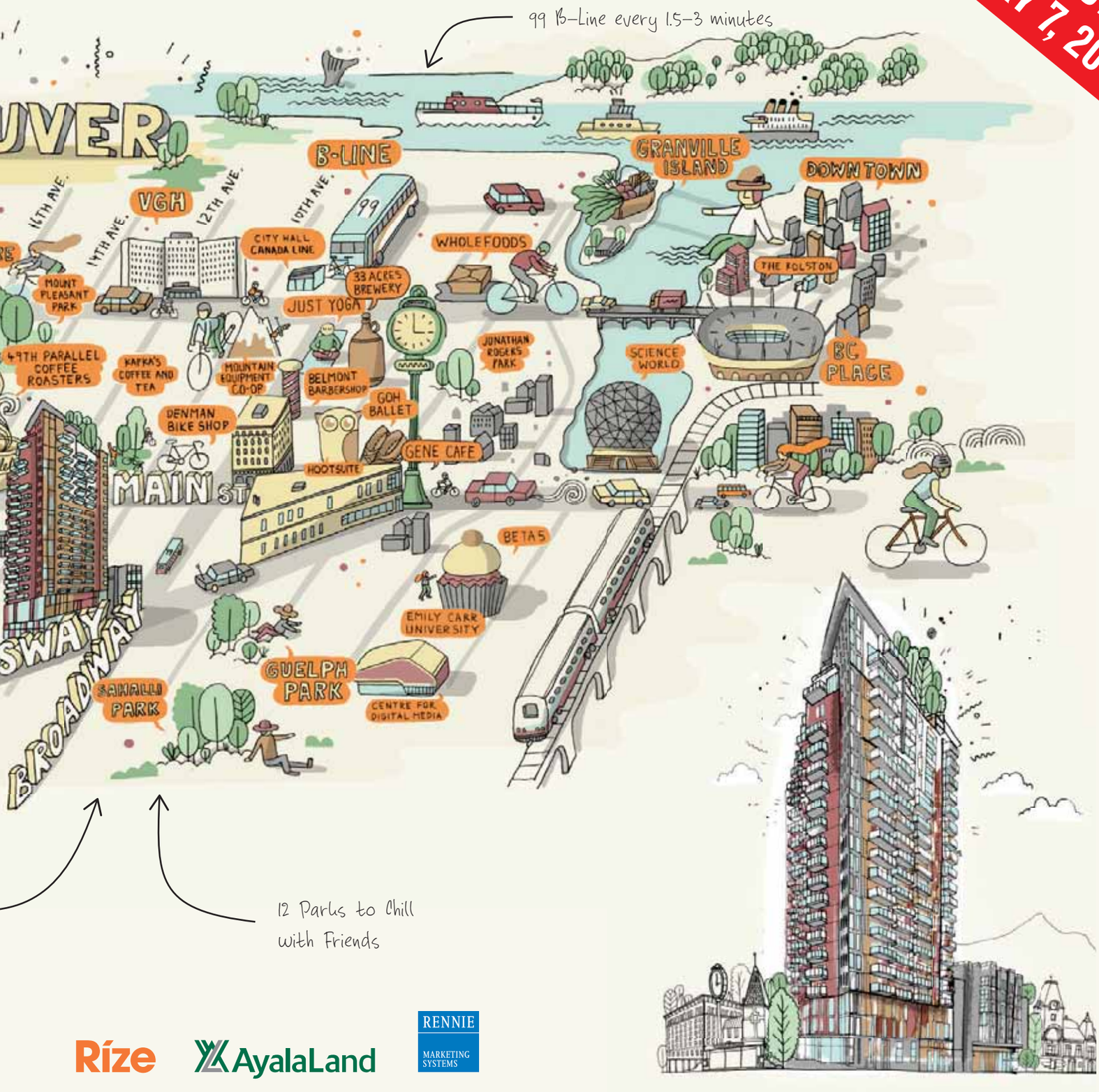

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Movies

Isaac to play X-Men villain Apocalypse

Oscar Isaac AFP FILE

Inside Llewyn Davis star Oscar Isaac will face the X-Men squad in the third part of the trilogy.

In the last few years, Isaac has achieved a certain fame thanks to roles in Drive, The Bourne Legacy and The Two Faces of January, but he is now increasingly becoming a Hollywood actor.

He was chosen to play a 3,000-year-old Egyptian mutant with disproportionate powers in X-Men Apocalypse, in U.S. theatres in May 2016. AFP

TV. McAdams, Reilly to join cast of True Detective

Rachel McAdams AFP FILE

Two actresses seen in Sherlock Holmes will share the limelight in the second season of the acclaimed HBO drama True Detective.

A few weeks before filming starts, the network has unveiled the season's cast, confirming that Rachel McAdams, Kelly Reilly and Taylor Kitsch will be on board. They join Colin Farrell and Vince Vaughn, who were announced back in September.

The eight episodes of True Detective Season 2 will be shot in California. Justin Lin (Fast and Furious) will helm the first two episodes.

The season will open on the murder of a criminal, with Farrell, McAdams and Kitsch's characters investigating this crime. Farrell will play detective Ray Velcoro, torn between a corrupt police force and a mobster who owns him. McAdams will be Ani Bezzerides, a police officer with uncompromising ethics, while Kitsch will embody Paul Woodrugh, a war veteran with a difficult past. AFP

Movies. Peek at new Star Wars coming this weekend

A teaser trailer for the new Star Wars movie will be released Friday, according to the director of the upcoming seventh film in the iconic franchise.

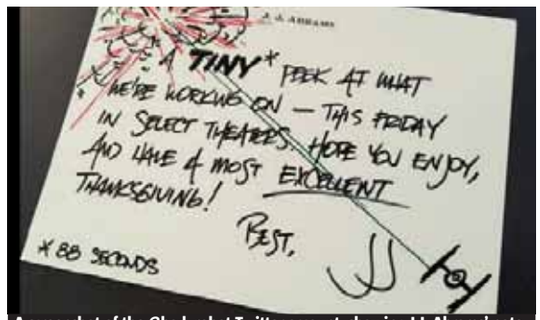
"A tiny peek at what we're working on — this Friday, in select theaters," tweeted filmmaker J.J. Abrams, adding that the trailer will be 88 seconds long.

"Hope you enjoy, and have a most excellent Thanksgiving," he said, referring to the U.S. national holiday this Thursday.

Earlier this month studio giant Disney revealed the name of the new film, Star Wars: The Force Awakens, saying filming had been completed on the movie, due for released on Dec. 18, 2015.

Star Wars has attracted generations of loyal fans ever since the first film arrived in 1977 recounting the adventures of Skywalker, Han Solo and Darth Vader.

Filming began in Britain in May on Episode VII. AFP



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Television

Tina Fey GETTY IMAGES FILE

Tina Fey sitcom bound for Netflix

Netflix has picked up two seasons of a new sitcom from Tina Fey.

Titled Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt, it focuses on a woman who escapes from a doomsday cult and starts life over in New York. It was co-created by Fey and Robert Carlock, who collaborated on 30 Rock.

It stars Ellie Kemper of The Office. Fey isn't scheduled to appear in the series. Netflix says the 13-episode first season will premiere in March.

The series had originally been bound for NBC, but that network passed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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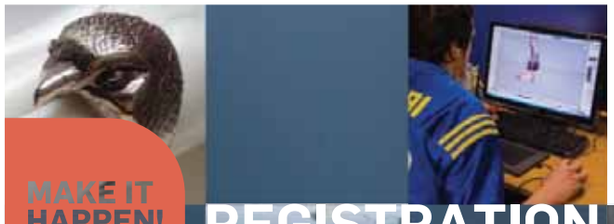
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Chris Hemsworth and his new puppy ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

As if one major cutie in the family wasn't enough, the Hemsworths get a puppy

If Chris Hemsworth is the Sexiest Man Alive, does that mean the pooch his family just added to their ranks is the Cutest Puppy Alive?

Not that I'm saying it isn't, mind you. Just wondering if this is some sort of line of succession thing. The Thor star's wife, actress Elsa Pataky, posted a photo of the pup on Instagram with the multilingual message, "Our new family member!" along with the hashtag cute.

Again, not arguing.

The Word

Pitt and Jolie's balcony scene shows not all is domestic bliss

NED EHRBAR
Metro in Hollywood

The working honeymoon is apparently over for Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, who were spotted by paparazzi having an "explosive" argument on a balcony of Sydney's InterContinental hotel just hours before the Australian premiere of Unbroken, her new film. "He was clearly exasperated with her. They kept talking over each other and putting their hands up in anger. They were upset, but going nowhere. Angie looked like she was on the verge of tears," a source — who, come on, is obviously the photographer — tells In Touch.

And after their red carpet duties were done? They departed Australia — "Brad in one private jet, and Angie in another," another source says.

Now, according to Jolie herself, things at home are going pretty swell, though she does admit there's room for improvement.

"I think we have moments where I'll say, 'I'm going to be a better wife. I'm going to cook,'" Jolie tells Tom Brokaw during an interview. "And he says, 'Oh, honey. Just know what you're good at. Know what you're not.' But I do this: 'No, no, no! I'm going to get this wife thing down.'"

Maybe they were having one of those moments up on that balcony. Here's to hoping.

$3M for bundle of nerves — Cowardly Lion costume sold

How much would you pay for a musty old pile of fur worn by a grown man under sweltering lights? OK, so maybe that pile of fur is actually the costume worn by Bert Lahr as the Cowardly Lion in The Wizard of Oz, but still it can't smell that great. The costume in question fetched $3 million at Bonham's Turner Classic Movies auction recently.

The Cowardly Lion costume from The Wizard of Oz on display at Bonham's auction house. The face is a sculpted likeness of late actor Bert Lahr.

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3. Carry a few sachets of disinfecting wipes in your day pack.
4. A small bottle of hand sanitizer is great for sharing with the group/kids.
5. Pocket extra napkins from the lunch table, in case you need them later.
6. Keep a few coins on you in case the toilet has a toll.
7. When presented with facilities that are not what you're used to (i.e. holes in the floor), just roll with it. At least you'll get a good story out of it.

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Trend

Airport cinemas for the layover crowd

Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport is about to open a screening room for passengers in transit with time on their hands. This new viewing lounge is part of a larger arts-oriented refurbishment (pictured) that hopes to give travellers a better sense of the city's cultural offerings. Airports in Seoul, Hong Kong and Singapore already have commercial cinemas — Hong Kong's being an IMAX. Watch for other U.S. hub cities like Dallas and Philadelphia to follow suit.

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Drinking in all the world has to offer

Jack Maxwell (pictured here at left) drinks for a living. From moss schnapps in Iceland to gut-busting raki in Turkey and homebrew in the Himalayas, he's learned the hard way that tippler's truism: "It's always five o'clock somewhere." Maxwell is the host of Booze Traveler, which debuted this month on the Travel Channel. Part travelogue, part drinking diary, Booze Traveler takes viewers with Maxwell as he travels to Louisiana, Tennessee and 13 foreign countries, including Armenia, Belize, Lithuania, Mongolia and Nepal. Jaw-dropping scenery serves as a backdrop for many of Maxwell's adventures. In South Africa, he awakes to zebra, impala and giraffes grazing on the sun-dappled savannah, describing it as the perfect hangover cure. Each hour-long episode is a quest to distill the essence of a place through its beers, wines and spirits — a lighthearted look at the world through the lens of a glass. "Every society in history has come up with some form of alcohol to celebrate, to mourn, to take the edge off a long day," he says. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Shake off party nights with a round of golf

Las Vegas. Sin City might be best known for its gambling and night life, but its luxe links are worth a wake-up call

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The Las Vegas National Golf Club is the site of Tiger Woods' first PGA-Tour win in 1996. CONTRIBUTED

In a city that never sleeps, world-class golf is as much a part of the scene as chorus girls, roulette wheels and morning-after regrets.

If the Hangover movies have taught us anything, it's that unbridled craziness is bound to happen at some point during a Las Vegas vacation.

That's why a round or two of golf is such an essential part of your itinerary. Nothing clears a head like a brisk 18 holes in the Nevada desert after a night of misadventures best forgotten.

With more than 50 courses, Sin City offers one of North America's most exciting golf scenes. There are extravagant big-ticket courses favoured by business moguls and movie stars, as well as superb layouts geared to every budget.

Of course, almost nobody goes to Las Vegas just for the golf. From wholesome fare such as Cirque de Soleil's acclaimed Beatles tribute show at the Mirage to an eye-popping pin-up themed revue starring a former Playboy Playmate of the Year at the Wynn Las Vegas, the entertainment possibilities are almost endless.

Among the hottest late-night clubs for those determined to party till dawn are LAX at the Luxor, The Bank at the Bellagio and Tao at the Venetian. But only the uninitiated and unhip even think of making their entrance before midnight.

Night owls biding their time might want to stop by the Cloud Nine Short Course at Angel Park Golf Club and play par-3 golf on floodlit fairways. But come the dawn, Angel Park is best known as the home of two excellent full-length 18-hole layouts, the Palm and Mountain courses, both designed by Arnold Palmer and Ed Seay.

Part of the beauty of golf in Las Vegas is that several top courses are just a short cab ride from the Strip, eliminating the need for a rental car. Next door to the Mandalay Resort and Casino is the Bali Hai Golf Club, a gorgeous Schmidt-Curley design offering views of the towering casinos.

Also found in the heart of the city is Desert Pines Golf Club, a Carolina sandhills-style layout by the great Pete Dye. Another must-play is Las Vegas National Golf Club, famous as the site of Tiger Woods' first PGA-Tour victory in 1996.

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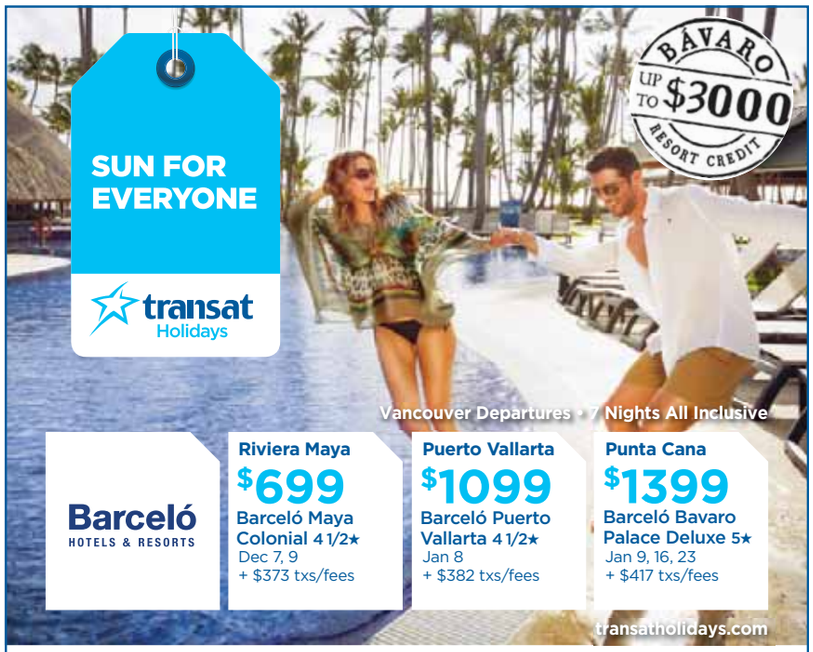

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Tai Muang scarf

Anyone who loves the trappings of a luxury hotel room will feel like they have brought their bedding home with them when they unwrap Sleep Country Canada's 100 per cent rayon Bamboo Dreams sheets. They are ultra-soft, get softer with each wash, are extremely durable and help regulate your body temperature. According to company co-founder Christine Magee, "The natural properties of bamboo make these sheets truly unique, durable and give you that high-end hotel feeling night after night." The sheets come in white, ivory, grey and mink.

'Beach time' watch

If you can't afford to send someone on a vacation, consider giving them a travel-inspired experience closer to home. Travelzoo.ca's deal experts have pulled together a collection of great deals starting from $15. Whether it's racing stock cars in Halifax to helicopter tours in the Rockies to a discount pass for nine of Toronto's top attractions, the options are endless. Go online to search deals from across Canada.

If you are on a tight budget consider a Do-It-Yourself gift. Last year at the start of my summer holiday, a friend helped me relax by forcing me to digitally detox. He replaced my watch with a "beach time" watch; an old timepiece with the mechanics replaced by sand. It cost nothing but was the perfect way to get my head in vacation-mode.

Honolulu's urban scene

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For Metro

When people think of Honolulu, they are usually thinking of surf, sand and hula dancing. And while a visit to Waikiki — the city's main hotel and resort area on the south shore — is a must-see, there is a new urban culture that's well worth exploring.

With an emerging arts scene, new culinary offerings and trendy nightlife, Honolulu is developing its urban culture alongside the preservation of its cultural heritage.

"We're continuing to see the destination evolve through emerging neighbourhoods where communities of new, local talent — young chefs, artists, filmmakers and designers — are redefining Hawaii's culture, providing new experiences for visitors," said Les Enderton, executive director with the Oahu Visitors Bureau.

Over the past few years, Honolulu has seen a revitalization of Chinatown in the city's downtown core, which had a reputation for being rather seedy. While visitors can still experience Chinatown's traditional markets, herbal medicine shops and dim sum restaurants, the area has transformed into one of Oahu's hottest fashion, arts and dining districts.

Locally owned boutiques have opened their doors, including Fighting Eel, Homecoming, Andy South, in-4mation and Florencia Arias. And art galleries, such as The Arts at Marks Garage, feature exhibits by local and up-and-coming artists.

A new generation of chefs is offering its take on traditional Hawaiian cuisine, with a focus on sustainability and locally sourced produce.

Chinatown is also one of the best spots to take in Honolulu's nightlife, with a high concentration of local watering holes and trendy bars. There's Bar 35, which serves up more than 150 beers from 21 countries, while Next Door hosts renowned DJs, and Downbeat Diner and Lounge offers live music.

Local favourite The Manifest acts as an art gallery and café by day, turning into a bar in the evening with one of the best selections of whisky in Hawaii. This is the place to get an Old Fashioned: Justin Park, Manifest's bar manager, was recently selected by the U.S. Bartenders' Guild to represent the U.S. in an International Bartenders' Association world cocktail championship in South Africa.

The Kakaako neighbourhood is also emerging as a Honolulu hot spot, serving as an incubator for artists, chefs and entrepreneurs. The area, which is undergoing a revitalization, is home to Honolulu Beerworks, which brews and serves local beer on-site, and Highway Inn, a longtime local favourite serving traditional Hawaiian fare.

Honolulu offers the best of both worlds: An emerging urban scene, with outdoor adventure and traditional culture. Learning to surf, experiencing a traditional luau and stopping by a shrimp truck — to sample coconut shrimp with fresh pineapple or savoury garlic prawns — shouldn't be missed.

Tasting coconut shrimp with fresh pineapple or savoury garlic prawns from a shrimp truck shouldn't be missed if you visit Honolulu.

Honolulu offers the best of both worlds: An emerging urban scene, with outdoor adventures like surfing. HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY TOR JOHNSON PHOTOS

Honolulu side trips

- Notable attractions in and around Honolulu include Pearl Harbor, Iolani Palace, Nuuanu Pali Lookout, and Hanauma Bay, as well as the Honolulu Zoo and Waikiki Aquarium for family fun.
- Or rent a car for the day and head to the North Shore to take in the island's surf culture. The world's top surfing competitions take place here, where waves can swell up to 30 feet or more.

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My focus at work is getting a little fuzzy

Career. Factors outside our control can distract us at our desks, but there are ways to help you hone in on work

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We know you'll miss your mobile, but setting that little sucker aside at the busiest times of your day will help to keep your eyes on the professional prize. ISTOCK

No matter where you work, you've probably found that it can sometimes be hard to concentrate.

Maybe it's because a constant influx of emails keeps interrupting your workflow or because your office is open-concept and you can't close your door on the sound of your co-workers chatting, humming or talking on the phone. As the holidays draw closer, you may find it even harder to concentrate, particularly if those around you are more interested in talking about social engagements and exchanging cards. Whatever the case, here are a few things you can do to make it easier to concentrate:

Get comfortable
It's hard to concentrate if you're not comfortable in your workspace.

If you work at a desk, adjust your seat so you're sitting with a straight back and your feet firmly on the floor. Next, adjust your monitor to make sure that your screen is at eye level and your hands are resting on your keyboard with your elbows bent at approximately a 90-degree angle. If your workplace is too warm or too cool for your liking and you're not able to control the overall temperature, dress appropriately. Try wearing layers if you're sensitive to heat or cold, or if your office temperature tends to fluctuate throughout the day.

Put your phone away
This may be tough if you're used to keeping your phone near you, but it can have a huge impact on your productivity. Your phone can be really distracting if it's constantly alerting you of incoming messages. Put it on silent and move it out of sight, at least while you're working on anything that requires a high level of concentration.

Tidy up
Take a bit of time to straighten up your desk before settling in to work on a project so that your mind doesn't wander to the teetering piles of papers and dirty dishes stacked around you. Try to get into the habit of setting aside five to 10 minutes at the start or end of every workday to tidy up your workspace. In addition to improving your focus, it will also set a good example to your co-workers and show them that you make an effort to stay organized.

Set a schedule
Make a list of what you want to accomplish each day — you're more likely to force yourself to focus if you know that you only have X amount of time to work on each task.

You should also schedule in breaks so that you don't forget to give yourself a rest. Plus, having a scheduled break to look forward to might also make it easier to buckle down.

Assemble everything you know you'll need so that you're not scrambling to find important notes and documents while you're in the middle of working, since that can disrupt your workflow.

Silence notifications
Set your email, social media and other notifications to silent while you're working if you find yourself losing focus every time you get a new alert. If you get a lot of emails over the course of your day, you may want to close your email program for an hour or two so you can concentrate on the task at hand.

Switch it up
If you hit a wall at work, try switching tasks or try changing your approach to what you're working on. For example, you could consult a co-worker if you're stuck on something or brainstorm to see if you can take a different angle to solving a problem.

If your boss is OK with it, you can also try temporarily changing your work hours. Coming in early or staying late may give you an opportunity to take advantage of quieter times at the office, helping you to get down to business without others around to distract you.

Use headphones
Headphones can be a lifesaver at work. If you find yourself getting distracted by your colleagues or other sources of noise that are outside your control, you might want to invest in a pair of noise-cancelling headphones to block out whatever is bothering you. Otherwise, you can simply use your headphones to listen to soothing music. Something without lyrics is most likely to help you focus, so look for an instrumental playlist online that you can work well to.

Gimme a break

Don't forget to take periodic breaks to give your eyes a break from your screen, stretch your legs and get a drink of water or a snack.

- Use an app to remind yourself to get up and stretch if you won't remember to do it on your own or set an alarm to help you follow some kind of routine, like working for 55 minutes then taking a five-minute break.
- It's important to make sure that you also eat well and stay hydrated, so be sure to have a solid breakfast and lunch and drink plenty of water throughout the day. It will give you the energy you need to power through your day and will stop you from getting distracted by hunger or thirst.

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Handle a holiday party with professional poise

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It's that time of year again. As the holidays approach, employers around the globe are eagerly planning parties to say a big thank-you to their teams. Workplace holiday parties are more casual than regular office activities, but still have firm expectations in terms of conduct. Your successful night starts with keeping a few key things in mind.

Mind the dress code

The last thing you want to do is undress or overdress for the festivities.

All work parties are different. Whether it's an ugly Christmas sweater party or a formal affair, make sure to pay close attention to the dress code on your invitation.

If there isn't a dress code listed, it's safe to stick to business casual attire, or just ask the party planner in your workplace to clarify.

Remember that even when the dress code may be different than your regular day-to-day dress code, it's still important to keep professional in mind.

Don't over-drink

Whether there's an open or a closed bar, there is no reason to over-consume at a holiday party.

Don't be the person who causes a scene and ends up being the subject of office gossip for weeks to come. Be aware of your limit, and mind that line. It's easy to forget about this when you are in the moment and having fun. A good rule of thumb is to pay attention to how much those around you are drinking — and follow suit.

Check the guest policy

Not all workplaces are open to accommodating your date or significant other at holiday parties.

This policy may surprise you if you've never encountered it, but sometimes the party budget just doesn't stretch far enough to allow for extra guests. If there are no explicit instructions on your invite, make sure that you ask first.

Sometimes, a no-guest policy can be a relief. If you can bring a guest, make sure they're ready to behave in an appropriate manner — and leave your personal life out of casual conversation.

Follow the schedule

Most holiday parties stick to a particular schedule, so be respectful and cautious of that.

While you may feel inclined to show up whenever it suits you, it's important to make sure that the event is a success — and your attendance is a big part of that.

If the event has a formal component, like a dinner or award ceremony, make sure to note the expected start time.

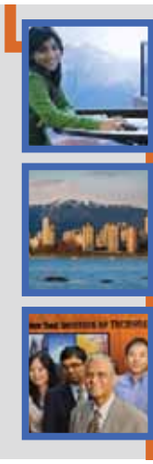
If it's a more casual event, be prepared to show up fairly early to help the event accumulate a crowd.

There's no reason not get down this holiday season, just make sure to keep your moves in check when the managers are watching. ISTOCK

Socialize outside your circle

The holiday party is a great chance to get to know people at your company

- It is easy to stick to your own department, or the people that you see on a regular basis, but use this time to socialize with people that you may not usually see around the office.
- Although you don't want to think of a holiday party as a networking event, a staff party can be a great place to meet and socialize with others in your organization in a non-stressful environment.



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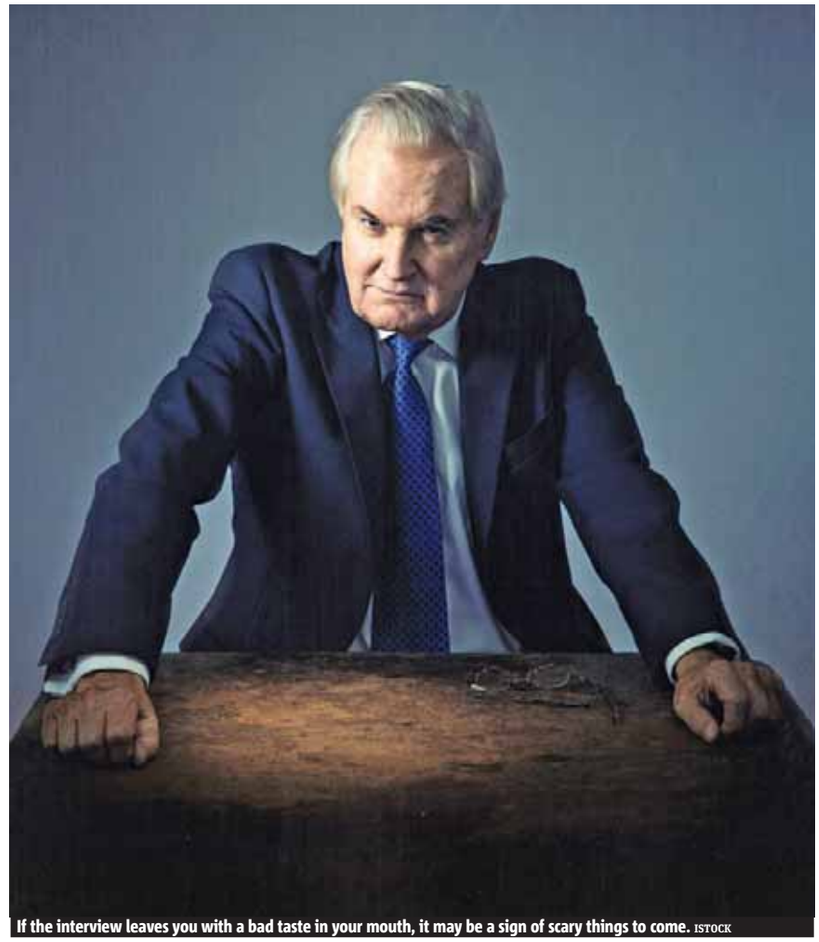
It seems that the big cheese has gone stale


If the interview leaves you with a bad taste in your mouth, it may be a sign of scary things to come. ISTOCK

Career. How to deal with your own version of a horrible boss

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Metro in New York City

Think you could do a better job than your manager is doing? You're not alone. Data from a Monster survey shows that 84 per cent of global workers believe they could do a better job than their boss. But what happens when your leader is firmly intact in his or her role and you feel stuck?

As Horrible Bosses 2 gets released this week, we're reminded of the plethora of wretched bosses right down to Jennifer Aniston's role as a seducer boss. The good news? You're never truly trapped. Here are a few ways to get yourself out of a horrible situation.

What about HR?

- Another option that is typically dead-end involves human resources. Yes, HR is technically the watchdog of the organization to serve this very purpose, but in reality, it's not effective in this role. Politics come into play and there's a grey area when it comes to proof.

How to spot one

There are a few red flags during your first job interview that your boss will be a stinker. See if they're punctual for the interview; do they respect your time? If they don't give you their undivided attention during the interview, don't expect to ever get it later on.

Do they provide you with clarity regarding what it takes to succeed on the job? Do they demonstrate anger toward employees? Keep an eye out for red flags.

How to ditch one

If your boss seems horrid after you're hired you have some options. The first is to find a new job. The wrong boss can make your job and life miserable, killing your self-esteem. Look internally and externally. Your success and happiness at work ultimately point to who you work for. Your next option? Deal with it and hope that you or your boss gets promoted or transferred.

If the situation crosses the line into harassment, another option is to sue, but it's not so easy. Employment attorney Albert Rizzo explains, "Today it is very easy for a prospective employer to check on a prospective employee's litigious background — and if there is an employment suit in the background, it may close the door on any potential hire."

Healthy choices and flavour can coexist

Herbed Chicken Breasts with Avocado Paste.

This dish, put together in no time, is big on texture and taste

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Healthy meals don't have to be flavourless.

By combining ingredients that offer up fresh flavour and different textures, you can create a delicious easy meal that your family will love.

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Serve up a colourful quinoa salad alongside this chicken dish to brighten up your dark evening dinner. The leftover combination will make a great salad. Or tuck the chicken into a pita with lettuce and tomato for a hearty sandwich.

1. In large bowl, toss together coriander, garlic, cumin and pepper with chicken breasts to coat evenly. (Make ahead: Cover and refrigerate for up to eight hours.)

2. Heat large non-stick ovenproof skillet over medium high heat and brown chicken breasts evenly on both sides, about eight minutes. Place in 400 F (200 C) oven for about 10 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink inside. Slice into thick slices.

3. Avocado Paste: Meanwhile, remove skin and pit from avocado and scoop flesh into bowl. Mash with fork until smooth. Stir in shallot, garlic, red pepper, vinegar and pinch pepper. Spoon avocado paste alongside chicken to serve. Sprinkle with coriander leaves before serving if desired.

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup (50 ml) chopped fresh coriander or basil or Italian parsley
- 1 large clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground cumin
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) freshly ground pepper
- 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts (about 1 1/2 lbs/750 g)

Avocado Paste

- 1 ripe avocado
- Half small shallot, minced
- 1 small clove garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) finely diced red pepper
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) sherry vinegar
- Pinch pepper
- Fresh coriander leaves (optional)

This recipe makes six servings. EMILY RICHARDS

Banners showing former Canucks player, coach and general manager Pat Quinn are pictured during a tribute to him prior to Tuesday night's game between the Canucks and the Devils at Rogers Arena. Quinn died Sunday night at the age of 71 after a long illness. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canucks honour Quinn, burn Devils

NHL. After tribute to former player, coach, GM, Vancouver shuts out New Jersey

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On Tuesday

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Pat Quinn meant so much to so many.

Two days after his passing, the Vancouver Canucks paid tribute prior to puck drop against the visiting New Jersey Devils to the man so revered and loved in the city for taking its hockey team within one win of the Stanley Cup 20 years ago this past June.

There was a moment of silence, followed by a video tribute. Mark Donnelly, who sometimes sings the national anthems at Rogers Arena, did a beautiful rendition of Danny Boy from ice level as the video played.

Quinn will forever be remembered for his impact on the Canucks, his name enshrined in the club's Ring of Honour. It was a powerfully emotional tribute.

Quinn turned the franchise around in the late 1980s when he took over as general manager. He coached the Canucks during their most celebrated time — the 1994 Stanley Cup playoffs.

Vancouver players will wear a decal — a four-leaf clover with the initials "PQ" — on their helmets for the remainder of the season.

The Canucks jumped out to a quick start, controlling the play.

They were finally able to solve Devils goalie Cory Schneider in the second period. Alex Burrows deflected a Kevin Bieksa slap pass for his fifth goal of the season. Shawn Matthias later scored and the Canucks defeated the Devils 2-0.

The win improves Vancouver's record to 15-6-1. The Canucks begin a seven-game road trip Friday.

NHL

Seguin shoots Stars past Oilers

Tyler Seguin scored two goals to give him an NHL-leading 17, and rookie defenceman John Klingberg added a goal from centre ice and an assist to lead the Dallas Stars to a 3-2 victory over the struggling Edmonton Oilers on Tuesday night.

The Stars won their third straight for the first time this season in the fourth game of a season-high, five-game homestand.

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NBA

Curry, Warriors catch fire in 4th Q

Stephen Curry scored 40 points, and the Golden State Warriors beat the Miami Heat 114-97 on Tuesday night for their sixth consecutive victory.

Golden State scored 14 straight points to open a 107-95 lead with 2:50 to go. Curry and Klay Thompson capped the run with consecutive three-pointers.

Thompson had 24 points for the Warriors.

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Champions League

Messi shatters scoring record

Lionel Messi netted a hat trick to shatter the Champions League goal-scoring record as Barcelona won 4-0 at APOEL on Tuesday.

Messi took his tally to 74 with his fifth Champions League hat trick in 91 matches. The previous record of 71 goals had been set by former Real Madrid and Schalke striker Raul over the course of 142 matches.

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Cohon: Dip in offence may have impacted Grey Cup ticket sales

Mark Cohon TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

The Grey Cup game in Vancouver has yet to sell out, and a dip in the entertainment value of the on-field product this year may be one of the reasons why.

It doesn't help that the B.C. Lions are not in the championship game.

More than 48,000 tickets have been sold, said Jamie Pitblado, general manager for the 102nd Grey Cup Festival, which culminates with the game between the Calgary Stampeders and Hamilton Tiger-Cats at BC Place Stadium on Sunday, leaving fewer than 5,000 tickets remaining.

In each of the last three years, the Grey Cup game has been declared a sellout months in advance.

"Our hope that with the game not going to be here for probably another seven or nine years, the local market will realize that and say they want to be at a special event," said Pitblado.

CFL commissioner Mark Cohon addressed numerous topics as he spoke at the Vancouver Board of Trade, including advice for the candidate who will replace him.

"Focus on the product," said Cohon.

Cohon was asked if the product on the field in 2014 has had an impact on ticket sales for the league's premier event.

"I think it potentially has a little bit of impact on the game because it really was the year of the defence," said Cohon. "We are such an offence-driven league."

With only five days until the Grey Cup game, the final push to sell the remainder of the tickets is on.

"Our expectation is we'll get there but, if we don't, it's not the end of the world," said Pitblado.

CAM TUCKER/METRO

Approaching a sellout

5,000

Less than 5,000 tickets remain for this Sunday's Grey Cup game.

2015 Hyundai Genesis

- **Type.** Four-door, AWD luxury sedan
- **Engines.** 3.8-litre V6 (311 hp), 5.0-litre V8 (420)
- **Transmission.** Eight-speed automatic
- **Price.** $44,995 base, $54,995 as tested

Market position

The original Genesis sedan, introduced in 2008, was Hyundai's first foray into the luxury segment. It's a premium car that is less expensive than its comparably sized and equipped rivals. Along with big brother Equus, Genesis is a showcase for Hyundai's technological capabilities.

Points

- Debuts Hyundai's new AWD system, which is standard on all models.
- Greater focus on handling prowess, with a suspension tuned by Lotus engineers.
- First vehicle styled in the next stage of Hyundai's Fluidic Sculpture design.
- Advanced lane-keeping technology makes Genesis almost a self-driving car on the highway.

The rear seat underscores the fact Genesis is bigger than its rivals.

Safety features

Nine airbags, adaptive cruise control with stop-and-go capabilities, autonomous emergency braking, blind-spot detection with rear-traffic alert, lane-departure warning, lane-changing assist, C02 sensor control system, AWD active cornering control can apply brakes to the inside rear wheel, for better handling.

Luxury without the price

PHOTOS: MIKE GOETZ

Review. Hyundai's second-generation Genesis now handles better and looks even better inside and out

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This second-generation Hyundai Genesis is not a revelation. It is a competent and attractive luxury sedan, but we are not surprised.

Hyundai is nothing if not persistent. It has a long and successful track record of striding into new territories, making each successive model better than the last, and repeating that exercise at a brisk pace. Nothing makes you better than practice.

The first Genesis, which debuted in 2008, was a solid crack at the luxury market. But there was room for improvement, particularly with the ride and handling.

Hyundai called in the engineering troops from Lotus to sort out the dynamics, and it really paid off. Some rivals, such as the Cadillac CTS and the Audi A6, are certainly sportier, but this Genesis is one sweet ride, with an enviable blend of comfort and swerve-ability.

The handling is helped by an all-new, sophisticated AWD system, which moves torque around to exploit the already progressive characteristics of the rear-wheel-drive platform. (Steering feel, however, is a little numb.)

The V6 and V8 engine options are carried over from the first Genesis, as is the eight-speed automatic transmission, which shifts beautifully.

Although a torque-heavy 5.0-litre V8 is available, our tester had the base 311-hp 3.8-litre V8, which pretty much overpowers any of the other base engines in this class, many of which have settled on 2.0-L turbos for their entry-level models.

The inside is equally appealing, with copious amounts of wood grain and leather.

Styling is subjective, but to these eyes, the exterior look is another area where Genesis excels. The new model is the first application of a new design theme Hyundai is calling Fluidic Sculpture 2.0, offering an intriguing blend of aggression and elegance.

Inside is equally appealing, with copious amounts of wood grain and leather.

At first, the new driver interface with a big touch screen filled me with dread. I'm not a fan of adjusting everything on a touch screen, but Hyundai has included just enough additional controls for the most-used stuff — radio, navigation, HVAC, etc. — to reduce my stress level.

The rear seating area is commodious, and underscores the fact that Genesis is bigger than most of its rivals.

As with any luxury car today, Genesis boasts a long list of comfort, convenience and safety features. Highlights include a 12-way driver's seat, lane-keeping assist, rear-door window blinds, an available 9.2-inch display with a 64-GB memory drive, an available 900-watt stereo with 17 speakers and Logic 7 surround sound, and the industry's first C02-sensing control system, which can introduce fresh air into the cabin when C02 levels reach a certain threshold.

In fact, the only checklist boxes Genesis doesn't tick are "luxury brand cache" and "luxury brand dealership experience."

If you can live without those, you'll save a lot of money by choosing Genesis as your next luxury ride.

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Gasoline contains several additives and detergents to improve performance and protect your engine. CONTRIBUTED

When you fill your tank with gasoline, what are you getting, exactly? It's refined petroleum, of course, but there are also several additives and detergents in the mix.

"Gasoline is made up of molecules, and when you refine it, you take the different streams (of refined fuel) and blend them," says Michael Howe, senior fuel scientist for Shell Global Solutions. "It has to meet a specification set by American Standard Testing and Materials, so when you buy something, you know what you're getting."

Additives primarily stabilize the gasoline, Howe says, so its components don't react with one another and form deposits or gums that can possibly foul the engine. Other additives can include friction modifiers, which make it easier for the pistons to slide in their cylinders.

Additive blends also include detergents, which are similar to soap. When engines burn gasoline vapour, it creates carbon, which sticks to the valves. Known as engine gunk, these deposits can reduce the engine's efficiency if they build up too much.

"The detergents are like a soap molecule, with a long tail and a small, reactive, polar head," Howe says. "The long tail keeps it soluble, but when it comes across the deposits, the polar head gets stuck on the deposit and the interaction pulls off chunks of it. Then they're carried into the combustion chamber where they're burned.

"This continues until the deposits are gone off the valve. It's essentially doing the same thing as soap when it interacts with greasy soil, but it's not water-soluble, it's gasoline-soluble."

As the name implies, additives are put into the gasoline, blended together into what's called an additive package. After the fuel is refined, the refinery pumps it into a pipeline, where it goes to a distribution centre and is stored in tanks. When it's time to deliver it to gas stations, the fuel is pumped out of the tank and into a truck, and, at this point, the additive package is added to the fuel.

Although all companies use additives, the components in each package are proprietary, and their ingredients are a closely guarded secret.

"Refining fuel is a standard, specific action, but it's never exactly the same," Howe says. "You have to put in additives to correct it, or keep instabilities from happening."

Fast facts

- Gasoline contains octane, which controls how easily it will combust, but it isn't an additive. Instead, the level of octane is set during the refining process.
- Diesel fuel also contains additives. Sometimes diesel is also dyed red, indicating that it's for farm machinery, and that its price doesn't include road taxes. However, it's illegal to use dyed diesel in regular vehicles, and the colour lets authorities know if it's being used improperly.
- Since additives do vary, try another brand of gasoline if you're not seeing the engine performance or mileage you think you should be getting.

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Shift: From hybrids, technology, new vehicles and the environment, to saving money at the pumps

SUV's paint captures power from the sun and the wind

At the opening of its Mercedes-Benz Product Engineering Center in Beijing, China, the luxury automaker unveiled a concept car powered not just by hydrogen, but by its own paint. The Vision G-Code SUV (named with the Chinese market in mind) sports "multi-voltaic" paint that harvests solar and wind energy. Mercedes said the paint acts like a giant solar cell "with excellent efficiency," and can be charged electrostatically by the relative wind caused by driving, or by the natural wind when the vehicle is stationary. The G-Code also features "power on the move" suspension, which recovers energy from the motion of the suspension to generate electricity.

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One of the most exciting claims about the Mercedes G-Code is that its paint collects power from both the sun and the wind. How much power? Good question. But the concept SUV also runs on hydrogen.

Seaweed biofuel saves farms for food

Seaweed — kelp, in particular — shows promising signs of becoming a biofuel feedstock, thanks to a newly designed hydrothermal process that greatly increases the amount of bio-oil that can be extracted from it. As a fuel source that doesn't take up farmland or use water that would otherwise be used to grow crops, kelp also grows extremely quickly. Researchers at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology said their variation on a process known as hydrothermal liquefaction — rapidly heating a slurry of kelp and water, then holding it briefly at a high temperature (585 Celsius) — results in 79 per cent of the biomass being converted to bio-oil. Previous efforts resulted in just a 19 per cent conversion rate.

Shift points

- After saying it would not replace its compact Ranger pickup, Ford appears to be having a change of heart. Marketing manager Dave Scott told USA Today the company is "seriously considering" an entry-level compact.
- U.S. researchers have designed a lithium-sulphur battery with four times the longevity of typical sulphur batteries. That's significant because they already hold four times the energy per mass of lithium-ions.
- A U.S. radio report says sales of hybrids, plug-ins and electric vehicles are down in that country by about 5 per cent this year, while trucks and SUVs have seen 17- and 20-per-cent increases.

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L.A. auto show. Drives like a BMW but runs on electric power: Compact i3 is named Green Car of the Year

BMW's first-ever plug-in electric vehicle was named Green Car of the Year during a ceremony at L.A. auto show.

The i3 was the only electric car among the five finalists in contention for the award, which recognizes environmental leadership in the automotive field and is presented each year by Green Car Journal.

The other finalists were the Chevrolet Impala Bi-Fuel, the Audi A3 TDI, the Honda Fit and the Volkswagen Golf.

The i3 has a 170-hp electric motor and a range of 160 km. But what makes the car stand out against other plug-in electrics are its handling and performance characteristics. It can hit 100 km/h in 7.2 seconds and offers the same driving dynamics as BMW's gas-powered cars.

However, what tipped the scales in BMW's favour for the award was its zero emissions and the high percentage of sustainably produced materials used in the car's construction.

The i3 starts at $44,950 in Canada and qualifies for a green-car rebate of up to $8,500 in some provinces. AFP

The BMW i3 has a 170-hp electric motor and a range of 160 km on a single charge. But what makes the compact car stand out against other plug-in electrics are its handling and performance characteristics. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Custom Toyota van features a toothy grin and a bubble-blowing roof. AFP

L.A. auto show. SpongeBob inspires custom Sienna

Car designers draw their inspiration from many places — nature, sci-fi novels, the works of Picasso or Matisse. Or, in the case of the concept car gracing the L.A. auto show, a Nickelodeon cartoon character.

SpongeBob SquarePants is one of the world's truly global cultural icons, and Toyota has done its best to bring the character to life in vehicular form.

The windshield of the customized Sienna minivan is adorned with SpongeBob's eyes and his buck-toothed grin. The roof features his Superhero Incredibubble mask and even blows real bubbles.

Inside, the van has a blue, wood-grain dashboard and a ship's wheel. Each of the seats references one of SpongeBob's friends, and the floor mats have a sandy, textured finish.

Following the auto show, the van will head off on a promotional tour to publicize the next SpongeBob SquarePants film, due out in February. AFP

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Design. Henrik Fisker turns a custom Mustang into the ultimate muscle car

The Galpin Rocket, unveiled at the L.A. auto show, is a bespoke take on the Ford Mustang and one that is likely to come with a $100,000-plus price tag when it goes into limited production.

But what makes it a standout car is the man who designed it. Henrik Fisker is responsible for some of the world's most elegant cars, from the BMW Z8 to Aston Martin's Vantage and DB9. Although his Fisker Karma luxury hybrid was a beautiful car, the business went under two years ago.

The Rocket is a very impressive way to make a comeback. Described as the ultimate muscle car, it was created in partnership with Galpin Motors, the world's largest Ford dealer. Power will come from a highly modified version of Ford's current V8, complete with supercharger — capable of outputting 725 hp and will be as fast as any Mustang ever.

"I love the '60s American muscle cars," said Fisker. "My favourite Mustang is the 1968 Shelby GT500 ... it gave me butterflies the first time I saw it. We wanted to recreate that feeling with this car." AFP

The Galpin Rocket is a current-model Ford Mustang highly customized by famed designer Henrik Fisker. AFP

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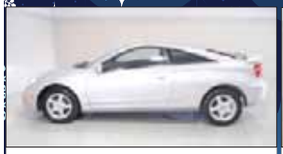

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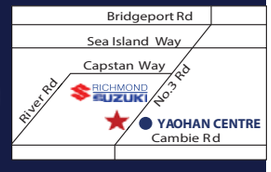

Urban transport. Mini scooter folds into trunk

Mini has been pondering the future of urban mobility and it thinks it has the answer: a foldaway scooter.

The CitySurfer Concept is a foot-powered two-wheel scooter, and a rather smart-looking one, thanks to some design cues taken from Mini's own styling manual.

The scooter's chunky pneumatic tires should flatten out the lumps and smooth the ride over bumpier roads and, when not in use, it folds down into something easy to carry in a bag or in the trunk of a car.

Kick scooters are already a common sight in most major cities, either ridden by kids on the way to school or commuters completing the final leg of the daily journey into the office. What makes Mini's CitySurfer stand out is that it has an electric motor integrated into its rear-wheel hub that gives it a top speed of 25 km/h. In order to fire up the motor, you have to start riding the scooter under foot power alone. Once you hit a certain speed, the motor kicks in and can be controlled by a thumb-trigger accelerator. There's also a smartphone mount for riders who want to access a navigation app or keep the handset's battery topped up.

The scooter's lithium ion battery, which is an integral part of the frame, is good for 25 kilometres before it needs recharging. It can also recapture energy from braking and use it to top up the battery.

When the battery is dead, the CitySurfer still operates like a normal kick-scooter, and it can be recharged through the 12-volt power socket found inside most cars. AFP

Mini's motorized CitySurfer scooter has a top speed of 25 km/h. AFP

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You may feel out of step with others today but sometimes you just have to do your own thing, in your own way, at your own speed. Maybe it's everyone else who is out of step.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
If you get criticized today — and with Saturn strong in your opposite sign that is almost guaranteed — don't react as if the world is coming to an end.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
What you visualize over the next 24 hours is what you will be able to do in weeks to come, so don't dismiss genuine insights as fantasy.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You need to find a solution to either a money matter or a relationship issue. The way out of your predicament is obvious really but it will also be costly. Act and pay now or pay an even larger penalty later.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Remember today that a loved one does not mean the negative things they have been saying. Like you they are under pressure that inevitably affects the way they speak and act.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Today's Mercury-Saturn link is a reminder that life is meant to be fun — and a warning that if you do too much you will pay for it.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
A dream you've had for years is about to become a reality. It may not come about in the way you expected. Recognize how fortunate you are and make the most of the opportunity.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You've made sacrifices in recent weeks and today's Mercury-Saturn union in your sign indicates there is something else you must do before you can move onto new pastures.

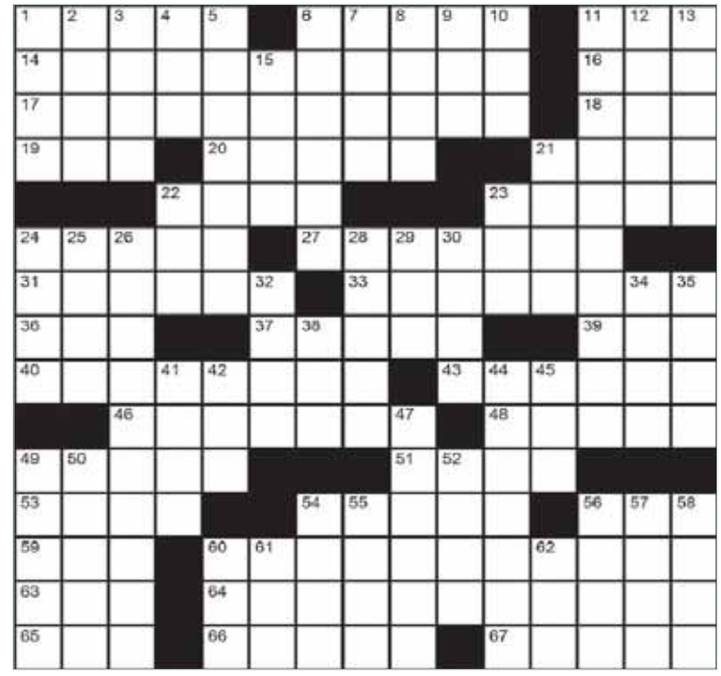
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Try not to say anything too hurtful today or it may take weeks or even months to win back a loved one's trust.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The more passionately someone tries to convince you of their honesty the more likely it is they want something. Keep your money in your pocket.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You have an important message to get across and if the only way to make yourself heard is to shout then do it. You have been quiet long enough.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You may be convinced that you are in the right about something but do not push your case too hard over the next 24 hours. If others can't see the truth then they are the ones most likely to suffer for it.

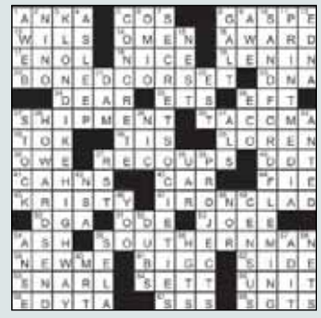
Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across
1. Pari __ (Impartially)
6. Shakespeare: Julius Caesar conspirator
11. Humanities degs.
14. Submarine exit: 2 wds.
16. Away
17. 1965 James Bond movie for #60-Across
18. Gun gr.
19. Academic year div.
20. "Take _ __ for free." - The Band, "The Weight"
21. Split
22. Word's history [abbr.]
23. Bottomless pit
24. Stray calf [var. sp.]
27. Winter cap's one-of-two
31. "Help Me, __" by The Beach Boys
33. Educated/versed in books
36. Suffer
37. __ __ with nature
39. 'The Finals' gr.
40. 1970s musical for Canadian actor Victor Garber
43. Big name in movies
46. Decrease/slump
48. Negative/Positive
49. Ms. Deschanel of "Bones"
51. Bygone Ford cars
53. Typeface
54. Laissez-__
56. Soup sort
59. Lighthouse surrounder
60. Canadian actress, b.1927 - d.2007, who played the character at #11-Down in several 007 movies: 2 wds.
63. Anger
64. Some store staff: 2 wds.
65. 'Ballad' suffix
66. Canadian racecar driver Paul
67. Sammy of baseball, and surnamesakes

Down
1. Domesticated pals
2. Tennis legend Arthur
3. Soap __ (Bathroom cleanser's target)
4. __ Diego
5. Made current
6. 1950s car trimming
7. Rhyming scheme
8. Dutch city
9. Old Rome's 250
10. Calder Cup org.
11. As per #60-Across... M's secretary, Miss __
12. Visions of light
13. "The North" Canadian band
15. Moray-like
21. Up-the-slopes ride
22. "Ich bin __ Berliner." - JFK
23. Wholly
24. Burden
25. Toledo's locale
26. 1964 James Bond movie for #60-Across
28. "He's mad that trusts in the tameness of _ __." - Fool, in Shakespeare's King Lear
29. Kevin's "Footloose" (1984) role
30. Bolted
32. Biblical son
34. Have _ __ in one's bonnet
35. Calendar parts
38. Jeff Lynne's gr.
41. __ and vinegar chips
42. 2-__ tissue
44. Back pages of books
45. "Help!"
47. Not solid, as construction
49. __ Trinket, Elizabeth Banks' role in 'Hunger Games' movies
50. Actress Demi
52. Pitfall
54. Chick-__-_ (American restaurant chain)
55. "Gimme _ __..." (Wait)
56. Livelinesses
57. "__ the Elephant" (Canadian cartoon series)
58. Beers
60. Grocery-shopper's li'l paper
61. Dinghy director
62. Romance

Yesterday's Crossword



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Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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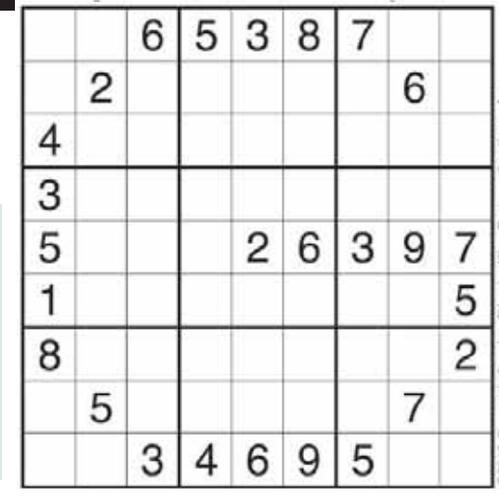
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



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Yesterday's Sudoku

1	5	7	2	4	9	8	6	3
6	9	8	5	7	3	1	2	4
2	3	4	8	6	1	5	7	9
7	6	5	3	8	2	4	9	1
9	2	3	7	1	4	6	5	8
8	4	1	6	9	5	2	3	7
5	8	9	1	3	6	7	4	2
4	1	6	9	2	7	3	8	5
3	7	2	4	5	8	9	1	6

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